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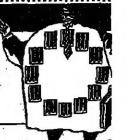
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# Police chiefs want anti-terror squad to spy on green activists

Move urged as frustration grows | held up work at sites around | mended by the Acpo commitover anti-roads campaigners

Christopher Elliott and Duncan Campbell

NTI-terrorist squad chiefs are to be asked to Membury bypass protesters and other environmental ac-

tivists under a plan put forward by senior police officers in England and Wales. the head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch cur-

ing the latest wave of IRA bombings, would co-ordinate

Senior officers in the fight senior omears in the right against terrorism were scathing last night. One said: "These people should be dealt with as a public order issue. What are we talking about here most of the time? Criminal damage? It's a public relations disease." tions disaster." The move follows a period

of increasing frustration for chief constables over the antirently involved in investigat- roads campaign, which has

Supporters of the move suggest that many of the people involved in the animal liberation movement are also engaged in the anti-roads protest and it would make sense to have a nationally based system of gathering in-

About a year ago the Association of Chief Police Officers embarked on a pilot study on "environmental extremism." After major confrontations in Thames Valley and Hamnehim, it was rem and Hampshire, it was concluded that a co-ordinated response was needed.
The change was recom-

The proposal, to be debated by Acpo on April 10, states: "The chief constables' council is asked to endorse the deci sion of Acpo council commit tee on terrorism and allied the national co-ordinator to all aspects of terrorism and co-ordination of environmental inquiries at the invitation of chief constables."

Police sources stressed that the co-ordinating function was simed at the "top of the scale" activists rather than demonstrators or people who

climbed trees. They were in-terested in violent protest rather than "people sitting rather than "people sitting down in the middle of the

"Nothing should be read into the fact that John Grieve is the head of the anti-terrorist branch," a police source said.
"It's just that he has the infrastructure to deal with it." Commander Grieve, who has just returned from Ireland, was not

available for comment.
One of the groups that would undoubtedly come under the scrutiny of the Yard, if the plan were to be accepted, is the "Donga" its tactics in the anti-roads tribe, whose members form a crusade over the past few

roads legions. Since the Dongas inaugurated anti-road direct action protest at Twy-ford Down near Winchester in 1992 their members have become a common sight. active at dozens of protests in-cluding Wanstead. Batheas-

Green activists have accumulated skills which mirror the success of the cruise mis-siles protesters, whose trail-ing of the missiles around the lanes of East Anglia proved a painful thorn in the side of

years and come up with a campaign at Newbury which the outline cost of building the bypass.

Their campaign has not only caused serious delay to the road building project but infuriated local MPs. Of the dozens of arrests during the past few weeks, however, none has been of a very

serious nature As the head of the antiterrorist branch, Commander Grieve is responsible for coany terrorist incident in the country. He has also given the responsibility for international terrorism.



# **Major set** for cattle cull U-turn

FORMIDABLE alliance of British farmers, pub-lic opinion and Union last night pushed John Major's cabinet into disorderly retreat over its refusal to restore worldwide confidence in the beef industry by sanctioning the slaughter of herds infected with BSE.

With ministers and officials still working frantically to es-tablish what measures would be sufficient to win repeal of the EU worldwide ban — due to be confirmed today - and how much Brussels would contribute to the huge compensation costs, Whitehall was still refusing to confirm the imminent U-turn.

Bitter exchanges with Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown at Prime Minister's question time left MPs in little doubt that Mr Major still believes scientific advice does not justify a mass culling of the herd on public health grounds.

But be now expects to be forced into it by what he angrily called the need to restore confidence in the market because of ill-conceived comments and ignorance of science". in Brussels, a confrontation loomed between the Govern-

partners four days before the start of the EU's crucial intergovernmental conference (IGC) in Turin, which irate Tory MPs will now expect to be dominated by the realities of the beef crisis, not theoretical blueprints for Europe's

There is a need to restore confidence the European in the market because of ill-conceived comments and ignorance of science

> The Prime Minister

ing with the announcement by Bird's Eye that it was halting production of beetburgers because of the crisis.

In what is now a straight political flight, with the scientific evidence left far behind, there was little European sympathy for the Government and its minimalist attitude to the contract of tude towards the EU. It leaves the Prime Minister desperately short of allies just when he faces paying between 2350 and £600 compensation for every culled cow — up to 800,000 even on the restricted

terms being discussed.
At Westminster the NFU's ters, to garner support. With the Health Secretary, Stephen Dorrell, quoting a Sun editorial that "it is the public that is mad, not the cows," tempers frayed. The Labour leader, Mr Blair, accused ministers of Farmers' Union called for the culling of older cattle to restore confidence in beef—which took a further better.

Yesterday EU veterinary experts confirmed their recommendation that British beef should be banned worldwide for the second day run-ning which the European Commission will ratify today. The decision - which left UK officials "very disappointed" came after a day of admin-istrative confusion and acrimony over Monday night's premature announcement by Franz Fischler, the Austrian agriculture commissioner, that the move had already

been agreed
The ban was temporarily blocked by the two British commissioners, Sir Leon Brittan and Neil Rinnock, pending a fuller consideration of the scientific evidence and legal advice on whether a worldwide ban is lawful.

To the rage of Euro-sceptical Tories, who questioned its legality, the commission maintained yesterday that it is empowered to prevent British beef being exported to third countries in case it is then re-exported back into the EU. That amounts to impos-ing a worldwide ban, though the point may be academic be-cause few markets now remain open to British beef. Following Monday's 14 to 1 vote in favour of the ban, the

president, David Naish, circulated the Labour and Liberal bemocrat leaders, and ministrum, and Professor John drum, and Professor John Pattison, head of the expert committee looking into ESE, give additional scientific evidence. "Naturally I am very disappointed," Mr. Meldrum said later.

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The Queen is applauded by the Polish president, Aleksander Kwasniewski, after her address to the parliament in Warsaw Photograph: PAWEL KOPCZYNSKI

# Gaffe mars Queen's visit

Madeleine Bunting and Sanchia Berg in Warsaw

ROYAL officials were forced to admit another embarrassing blunder when the Queen veterinary experts from all 15 member states reconvened for a second day yesterday, at John Major's insistence, to hear Sir Kenneth Calman, the chief medical officer, chief veterinary efficient Reith Molecular Sir Kenneth Calman, the chief medical officer, chief veterinary efficient Reith Molecular Sir Kenneth Calman, the chief medical officer, chief veterinary efficient Reith Molecular Sir Reith Molecu second world war.

The visit is increasingly being seen as accidentterations had to be made to the Queen's itinerary last week following criticism from prominent British Jews that she would not be laying a wreath at Auschwitz in memory of Holo-

caust victims.

The Queen failed to in-

forget the suffering of the Polish people under Nazi occupation, nor the terrible fate of the Polish Jews."

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said last night spokesman said last night that the omission was "en-tirely unintentional" and due to a "typographical error" which had not been properly checked. "It was purely a mistake, for which

the Queen's advisers take
full responsibility."
On Monday, the Queen
visited the Umschlagplatz
Jewish memorial in Warsaw for a hastily arranged wreath-laying ceremony in memory of Holocaust vic-tims, after talks between Buckingham Palace and the Foreign Office on Friday. Yesterday's slip will fuel

visit Auschwitz. The Board of Deputies of British Jews had expressed its disap-pointment. The Queen is to visit Krakow today, only 40 minutes away, but Buckingham Palace insisted the

schedule is very tight.
The insensitivity on the Jewish issue has marred an otherwise warm reception for the Queen, whose speech yesterday was greeted with two standing ovations by Poland's political leaders — one prompted by her quoting four words in Polish from a 1980s protest song which became the motto of Solidarity.

She warned that Britain would not allow Russia to veto Poland's entry into the European Union and Nato. disappointment that, un-like most visiting heads of with Lech Walesa, the forclude in her keynote state, the Queen did not mer Polish president.



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RSPCA rocked as Charity Commissioners order curbing of animal cruelty campaigns

John Kaeble

THE RSPCA has been thrown into turmoil by a Charity Commissioners ruldown many of its campaigns against cruelty to animals.

to have a benefit for mankind. In such cases, it can only fight for the welfare of the affected animals. The ruling is a boon for blood sports and landown-

ing interests.
"This is absolutely devastating," said one RSPCA insider. The whole basis of our It has been told that it must stop campaigning against ac-tivities which are considered welfare."

Angela Waldar, a member of the RSPCA's ruling coun-cil, commented last night: "The situation is incompre-hensible. We've got little old ladies all round the country giving us money from their pensions to fight for animals

confirmed by legal counsel instructed by the society. In his letter, Mr Fries says

the RSPCA would be acting pensions to right the annual pensions to right the law of law of the law of law of the law of law o

The ruling on charity law is contained in a letter by Richard Fries, the Chief Charity Commissioner, and has been in circum-stances in which it confers a benefit upon higher benefit upon mankind."

The ban presents a funda-

Christopher McCall QC, instructed by the RSPCA to review the commissioners' ruling, was even blunter in his assessment of the law on

mental obstacle to campaigning, say members of the RSPCA's ruling council, but they have told the commissoners they will toe the line. Ron Kirkby, chairman of the

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Two High Court judges have voiced concern over the withdrawal of welfare benefits from most asylum seeking immigrants

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### Sketch

# Mad world of beef encounters



Simon Hoggart

OHN MAJOR revealed the Government's new confidence-boosting slo-gan yesterday: "Eat British Beef — you probably won't

As the BSE scandal followed the traditional British path from tragedy to farce (it's as if Macbeth ended with the porter's scene), the Government's position became slightly clearer. British beef is per-fectly safe. All the Cabinet (except Douglas Hogg, the Agri-culture Minister, who doesn't quite a few Tory backbenchers, and a number of scientists appointed by the

Government. Against them are ranged a few nobodies and malcontents, such as every other country in the world.

So that's clear then. The scare is in no way the Govern-ment's fault. (Did you know that the relaxed rules they introduced in Mrs Thatcher's first year meant that the big combines could put 25 per cent chicken manure in cattle feed? A diarrhoeic hen gets rid of it at one end so that we can put it in the other).

Luckily there was someone to blame for the crisis — the Opposition. These desperadoes, you may recall from last month, were also to blame for the arms-to-Iraq scandal.

They will stop at nothing, and in a cherishably bonkers moment the Prime Minister waved his arm towards them the confidence will be the people to blame for that! They sit there, there and there!' Labour members giggled in

Yesterday's exchanges began with David Ashby (Leicestershire NW), who has en deselected by his constit uency, and who could say whatever he liked if he wished, but has bravely de-cided to carry on brown-nos-

ing to the very end. BSE, he said, was not a party political crisis, but a crisis for the whole nation. Labour should stop making cheap party polit-

ical points. This is the Government's core position: it is quite in order for us to criticise them for minor mistakes. But when they bring us a global catas-trophe, it is Labour's duty to rally round and pretend it is nobody's fault. Mr Blair went into his faux.

naif act and asked the Prime Minister to "quantify" the exact amount of danger a beef eater faced. "Without that quantification, I don't think confidence can be restored.

(Don't confuse quantifica-tion with ratification. This does not mean feeding the corpses of diseased rats to cat

corpses of diseased rats to cartile — yet — but what the European Union has done to the
world ban.)
Since Mr Major could
hardly reply: "Yes, figures
prove that eating 100 hamburgers a year will give you a 3.7 per cent chance of con-tracting CJD within 10 years". he contented himself with say ing that he would rely on sci-

Mr Blair geared himself up into angry mode. While Mr logg was contemplating mas slaughter of cows, Stephen Dorrell, the Heath Secretary, claimed it was the public who were mad, not the cows! "I have to say that this matter has been handled with quite mindboggling incompetence." So Mr Major blamed him.

You and your colleagues have done enough damage in the last few days!" he said. Then he did what he often does when he is badly rattled: he dug a hole in front of him-self, covered it in twigs, and then jumped — in majesti-cally convoluted style. "You and Miss Harman

have done everything you can to undermine confidence in beef and the agricultural in-dustry, and if you have under-mined confidence to the extent that there is a serious problem. I believe the public will know

precisely who to blame!" Haif the Labour benches is not joyfully waved their arms at the Government front bench while shouting "You! you!", and the other half sat back in relaxed and sated pleasure. Scotland Even John Prescott looked be-atific, like a middle-aged cherub at the Nativity.

# Leaked memos show oil company jeopardised Turkish city's drinking water over 30-year period

# Shell 'polluted water supply'

and Chris Nuttall in Ankara

pumping contami nated waste water from oilfields into the aquifer that supplies drinking water to 2 mil-lion people in Turkey. A series of internal memor

acknowledging the potentially disastrous effect on water supplies to the city of Diyarbakir em, were leaked to Greenpeace in Turkey. In the wake of bad publicity

over Shell Nigeria and the fate of the Ogoni people, dis-closure of Shell Turkey's neglect of local welfare in a Kurdish heartland comes as a urther embarrassment. The company's actions

documents. Greenpeace yesterday described Shell's activities as "a specific case of systematic pollution".

Shell ran the oilfield for 30 ears. Water contaminated with oil is brought up from wells deep underground. To get rid of millions of gallons of it, Shell drilled holes into the shallow aquifer of pure water and pumped in polluted

Shell said yesterday that when it started the practice the Midyat aquifer was not used for drinking water, and it was not until 1977 that Diyarbakir city began drawing upon it. Shell began exploring upon it. Shell began exploring ways of stopping the practice in the 1980s, and a scheme to reinject polluted water back into the deeper oil-bearing layer was expected to be completed by 1993.

The Shell decompany charge in the state of the

were in breach of European | The Shell documents show law, according to its internal that company executives in

Turkey were told the city's water supply would become contaminated in 30 years and would remain so for between 100 and 300 years. This is de-scribed as a "worst case scenario", but a later study suggested the problem might erupt even earlier. Diyarbakir would either have to treat all its water to remove oil, heavy metals and other con-taminates or find an alternative supply, the papers say.
One of the staff who

nanager and chief executive of Shell Turkey, Christopher Fay, who now runs Shell UK. Dr Fay's involvement began in September 1986, when he moved to Turkey. He wanted to know how much oil was being lost in the contaminated water being pumped into the aquifer, and whether

thought the practice unac-ceptable was the then general

cally recovered. He asked: "What additional measures are needed to reduce current pollution threat and also to

Dr Fay received a reply say | the problem and, by the end ing there was no economic of 1995, 50 per cent of the case for recovering the oil. He said: "It should be made quite clear that we need to take the utmost care to ensure that economics alone do not de-tract us from ensuring that all steps have been taken to safeguard the environment." He demanded the matter be treated as a "priority item". By November 1991, the Turkish authorities were de-manding action. "In order to stop contamination in the Mi-dyat aquifer, you are emphat-

ically requested to ensure that henceforth the necessary measures are urgently taken to have the disposal waters injected into the Mardin [oilbearing Foundation through wells that have ceased production, making sure that the waters are not injected into

the Midyat Formation."

Work began in 1994 to solve

disposed of. By 1997, all the water would have been injected back into the Mardin oil strata under the scheme. In a memo dated December handing the oilfield over to Perenco — a Shell executive. Ahmet Eryurt, expressed regret that Shell had decided to abandon the scheme and had returned £800,000 to Shell International

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Ahmet Orhan, director of the State Water Affairs Directorate of Diyarbakir, said Shell had never told the city about the problem. There was no alternative supply, Dr Orhan said.

Shell International said last night that it did not believe there would be a contamina



'Crazy though it seems, the real winner of the Oscars but the Irish economy<sup>1</sup>

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The Usual Suspects

Best Screenplay



Mel Gibson, top left, with two Braveheart Oscars and, above, leading a charge in a scene from the film

Ireland, which offered gener-

ous tax subsidies and free use

of the army for battle scenes. Wilf Stevenson, director of the British Film Institute,

said Braveheart was a stark symbol of the failure of the British film industry. The

lack of tax breaks for film-

makers in Britain was driv-

ing producers across the Irish

Sea. "Crazy though it seems, the real winner of the Oscars

is not Scotland but the Irish

economy."

Both Britons shortlisted in

Mike Figgis to the United States to make Leaving Las

Vegas, and Michael Radford to Italy for Il Postino. While the Oscars cast an

ironic gloom over the British

industry, the awards promise

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# Scotland waits to trade on Oscar's bounty First night

HOLLYWOOD

nursed its morning-after hangover yester-

day, the British lei-

sure industry was only just

beginning to celebrate the

bounties expected to flow from the Academy Awards.

In Scotland they were cock-

a-hoop over the sweeping vic-tory of Braveheart, which

won five Oscars including best film and director. The Scottish Tourism Board pre-dicted the portrayal of the

# Disco diva's blast from the past

Caroline Sullivan **Donna Summer** Albert Hall

OST former disco divas are notorious for nothing more than the girth of their wigs. Donna dered lasting controversy 10 years ago when she announced that Aids was divine retribution against homosexuals. The resultant boycott by ber largely gay following nearly finished her career, which has never recovered, Sad, because Summer was

the voice that launched a thou sand K-Tel disco compilations. Her windswept mooing on 1976's Love To Love You Baby created a new genre the hyper-sexual dance queer Her many subsequent hits probably encouraged more office party canoodling than any other records that decade But by the early 80s, things were flagging, and her Aids comment, followed by a single with reggae brats Musical Youth, used up her remaining credibility.

It took a re-release of her classic I Feel Love to bring Summer back to London for the first time in eight years. The crowd wasn't huge by her old standards, but a significant proportion of it consisted

of line-dancing gay men who had the best time of anyone. Typically for a disco show, most of the budget had gone or a large, cacophonous backing band, leaving little for special effects. These amounted to a staircase, wind machine and

smoke that seemed to emanate from under her floor-length dress. While Summer made the most of it, glitzy songs like hers demand more chrome-plating in the stageet department.
All that was as nothing.

though, when she began to sing. One had forgotten quite what a loud voice she has she held the mike a foot away and they still could have heard her in Birmingham. Obviously, an instrument of such octave-leaping power has lit-tie use for subilety; essentially, Summer just opened her mouth and let go. As hit followed golden-era hit, one marvelled at her stam-

ina. A nigh-hysterical MacArthur Park was followed, with scarcely a pause, by a paintstripping This Time It's For Real. Then Amazing Grace received the Summer a cap-pella treatment, and that voice could have put a church choir out of work. Of course, Summer's exu-

berant repertoire wouldn't benefit from refining, anyway. Most numbers are per-fect as they are, her blasting when excess was a virtue. Her patter recalled those days, too. "I was shopping the other day and I saw the guy of my dreams," she said in whispery tones that contrasted star-tlingly with her singing voice. "How did I know? Because he

was driving a red Ferrari." She'd better be careful that sort of talk is usually pur ished by forcing the offender to watch an entire season of Dynasty reruns. By then, the whole place

transformed into a giant school disco. All it lacked was John Travolta in his white suit/black shirt combo. What nostalgia? This was just plain mad — and rather splendid.

# dicted the portrayal of the 13th century patriot William Wallace would generate an extra £30 million this year from American visitors alone. Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, sent a congratulatory fax to the film's director, Mel Gibson, in Los Angeles. "We hope you will haste ye back for another winning production," he said. The leader of the Scottish National Party, Alex Salmond, attempted to harness the movie's success: "From a Scottish independence point bissed on material previ produced or published Emmis Thompson, Sense and Sensibility sweet pickings for English as well as Scottish tourism. "This is a real treat for us— the timing is perfect," a spokesman for Hampshire Scottish independence point of view, this film is good news for Scotland and the SNP." county council said. The county has just branded itself Austen country

Alan Trevis Home Affairs Editor

against the charity.

Lord Justice Beldam and
Mr Justice Buxton rejected claims yesterday by the JCWI

homelessness as a result of the decision. Many were sleeping mate claims under the on friends' floors or in emergency shelters. More than 30,000 asylum seekers a year condition" while seeking to

be thought to have discounted or undervalued the concern of the JCWI about the adverse efthe JCWI about the adverse effects of the welfare of asylum caping from imprisonment by seekers it fears may arise from the regulations. In this we share the concern expressed by the (Government's) social security advisory committee in their report."

voiced by the Government's advisers that it was "more equitable and satisfactory" to use faster asylum procedures to deal with the problem of economic migrants rather than using "changes to the benefits system which would produce such drastic and unwelcome consequences".

assert their rights in this

After the hearing Claude Moraes, JCWI's director, said: "Although we are disappointed we think it is hugely significant that the judges explicitly agreed with the SSAC." Mr Lilley said: "The judg-

ment gives a clear message to those who were abusing the Although the decision was system to claim benefits.

There was only one hitch to and is planning a publicity Neal Scanlan, who won an spin-offs for firms making such triumphalism. Brave-campaign in the United States Oscar for visual effects for and hiring clothes. making with his porth Lopson's Oscar for her screen-play of Sense and Sensibility. The fact that Jane Austen seldon company, the Creature Shop, some of the talking pigs in Babe, said in Los Angeles: dom refers to Hampshire in her novels is seen as no

Animator Nick Park, the Bristol-based creator of Wal-

ma Thomi

"Business has been slow for the past few years, but now it's really taking off."

lace and Gromit, took his Oscar as Best Costume Dethird Oscar in five years for signer for Restoration, is extended to be worth millions in pages 7-9

Tim Angel, who runs the world's largest costume hire company, Angels & Bermans in London, provided outfits for three Oscar-winning movies. "That may sound like sending coals to Newcastle, The success of James Acheson, who won his third flavour of the month."

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# Australian backpacker murder trial opens

Christopher Zinn in Sydney

THE trial of Australia's alleged backpacker killer began here yesterday, with claims he may not have acted alone. The case against road-worker Ivan Marko Milat, 51, opened with horrific details of the attacks on the travellers using rifles, a large knife and possibly a sword.

The first body found was that of Welsh tourist Joanne Walter. Her English friend Caroline Clarke, 21, was found with 10 bullet wounds to the head Milat has pleaded not guilty to murdering the two British women. Germans Ms Habs- amounted to an unlawful atwomen, Germans Ms Habschied, Gabor Neugebauer and
Simone Schmidl, all 21, and
Australians James Gibson and
Countries where they feared Deborah Everist, both 19, be-tween late 1989 and 1992. The Refugee Council told

**Judges voice concern** at asylum benefits cut

WO High Court judges yesterday voiced con-cern that the with-drawal of benefits from most asylum seekers would have 'drastic and unwelcome consequences" despite upholding the Government's decision as

strictly legal. The judges underlined their sympathy for the case by giving permission to the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants to take their case to the Court of Appeal and by rejecting a government appli-cation for £30,000 legal costs

are expected to be affected. In their ruling, the judges said: "We would not wish to

The judges said explicitly they shared the concern

the court that it had seen not ultra vires the judges said more than 400 asylum seekers the methods chosen might who faced destitution and have the consequence that

country.

The JCWI case was brought jointly with an action on behaif of Ms B, aged 25, who fled the security forces, after her husband, a political activist, had been murdered. The judges also turned down her case but observed that their questions about what else she had to do to qualify for help had "gone unanswered" by the Government.

# **Nerve study boosts Gulf** illness fight

Supply

ULF War veterans with unexplained illlesses are suffering from a form of nerve today will show.

Although the cause is still

unclear, it is possible a combination of anti-nerve gas drugs may have been responsible.

The findings of a Glasgow neurologist, to be published in the Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry, show the nervous systems of 14 veterans had clear differences. differences to those of 13

The research comes as an American scientist is arguing chemical agents damaged the immune systems of soldiers in the Gulf. making them vulnerable to side-effects of the polio vaccine they

healthy civilians.

were given. The studies will assist veterans campaigning to have their illness recognised by the Ministry of Defence.

The UK research was car-ried out by Goran Jamal, of the Institute of Neurological Sciences, at the Southern General hospital, in Glasgow.

groups were tested on their ability to hear sound impulses, to assess damage to the central nervous system, and on their response to an electrical impulse passed through nerves on their arms and legs, to assess damage to the nerve endings in the pe ripheral nervous system.

'The results show there were significant differences

between the two populations

the Gulf War veterans versus the control population in terms of nervous system function. The Gulf War veterans performed less well," Dr Jamai told Frontline Scot-land, a BBC Scotland programme to be screened

identify a possible cause of the damage, but Dr Jamal said the "NAPS" nerve gas agent given to thousands of soldiers could be an important factor. French soldiers not issued with NAPS tablets

tions against diseases like plague — and tablets designed to protect them from biological and nerve gas attack — all within a few days.

One of the problems is we research these substances in isolation," said Dr Jamai, an Iraqi Kurd. "What we don't know is the combined effect, of for instance NAPS combined with other compounds, and I think it is underestimated.

Veterans speak bitterly in the programme of the legacy of ill-health that they have suffered since serving in the Gulf.

Some recall how they reported feeling unwell shortly after the injections only to be given a paraceta-mol tablet, in some cases by Bob Anderson, from Methil-

hill. Fife, who served 22 years in the army, says he used to be fit and active, but now can-not hold down a job. He has chronic back pain, muscle spasms, constant colds, tiredness, lethargy, behavioural problems, tension, and The US work has been car-

ried out by Howard Urnovitz, a research microbiologist from the company, Calypte Biomedical, in Berkeley, California, who compared 134 Gulf veterans with 345

He says the troops were given oral polio vaccine, but failed to create the antibodies (defence cells) the vaccine normally makes, leaving them open to infection, partic-ularly the post-viral fatigue syndrome from which many Guif veterans suffer.
"The important aspect of

these results is that they show the immune systems of the veterans were damage We know that from the absence of antibodies to the oral polio vaccine. That absence is probably due to contact with chemical agents."

The theory has been backed by Jim Tuite, former director of the US Senate investigation into Gulf War syndrome, who said toxic fumes and possibly organo-phosphate agents, like the nerve gas Sarin, could have reacted with the polic pacting to damage the income. vaccine to damage the im-



ENGLAND

### In praise of gin

When he buys his ties, he has to ask if gin will make them

> F Scott Fizgerald The Last Tycoon

No man is genuinely happy, married, who has to drink worse gin than he used to drink when he was single

Reflections on Monogamy

'How much gin did you put in the jug?' 'A liberal tumblerful, sir.'

'Would that be the normal dose for an adult defeatist, do you think?'

P G Wodehouse Right Ho, Jeeves

'Little nips of whisky, little drops of gin, Make a lady wonder where on earth she's bin'

# Tonic for Sir Denis as grovelling Gordon's apologises

Furore over marketing memo ends in firm coughing up cases of mother's ruin for Thatcher book launch, reports John Mullin

VERYBODY happy: Carol Thatcher had some lovely pub-licity for her latest book;

Sir Denis had a few bottles of his favourite tipple se-cured; and even United Distillers came out of it smelling of flowers. Juniper, in fact. Only the poor soul
who mucked up had anything to worry about.
The unnamed marketing
chap had penned a memo-

randum to his boss, Steve Boland, ridiculing an auda-Thatcher. She thought it a was leaked. Gordon's, wheeze to ask United Diswhich sells 1.2 million of tillers to supply cases of Gordon's, the nation's favourite gin, for her book launch next month. Below

hagiography of her father, ridiculed the idea that be was the gin-sozzled old bore depicted in Private Bye's Dear Bill letters.

With Gordon's turning to late-night advertising featuring a muscled young man improbably sliding down a swizzle stick into its alcoholic beverage in an effort to seduce younger drinkers, the marketing man felt an association with Sir Denis was a bad idea: "This would take us back to the dark ages."

Senior executives apolo-gised to Britain's first First the 2.9 million cases of gin year, would be delighted to help out at the book launch. The Parapet, Ms Thatcher's Lynette Royle, public af- The Parapet claims Sir De-



lot of work for charity. Quite why the publisher

HarperCollins, were unable bottles of mother's ruin remained a mystery. Below



from a drunken duffer. The image was, apparently, a cunning plan to convince fered behind closed doors. Ms Royle had to cancel a

applications usually go through on the nod. "What appears to have happened is that it was assessed for its relevance to a marketing strategy. We are trying to aim for the younger market, but we know we ignore at our peril those who are over 30. I'm one myself." Ms Thatcher said it was

perfectly correct for Gor-don's to stump up a few cases. "Denis has done a lot for the image of gin. He drinks it at the age of 80 still at a very admirable rate." But, lest other companies wished to join in sup-plying the publishing jam-boree, she distanced him from any one brand. "He loved wife brings him back from the duty free shops." to thank Francisco Sylvius. a physician from Holland. More than 300 years ago, be with juniper berries and distilled the mixture for

deal with the furore. Such | English mercenaries in the Thirty Years War called it their Dutch courage.

When William of Orange (Protestant) became king and banned the import of French (Catholic) brandy, the gin craze became an epidemic. At its mid-18th century peak, when Hogarth drew Gin Lane's gutgarth drew Gin Lane's gut-ter-strewn, debauched mothers, one London house in five was said to be a gin shop. Sir Robert Walpole, one-time Home Secretary, called it "one of life's only earthly pleasures".

It became popular in In-dia. The accompanying tonic had quinine to ward off malaria. Gin became

off malaria. Gin became more sophisticated, aided by price hikes. One move to impose duty had sparked rioting across Britain.

gin-induced alcoholism pie. He took three months foul moods. He lived for another 15 years after kicking purposes. the habit. He was a donkey.

# dents back grants overhaul

TUDENTS last night abandoned their long-standing campaign for full funding through a system of grants after a passionate dehate at their annual confer-

ence in Blackpool.

The Blairite wing of the National Union of Students argued successfully for a new system of funding which would rely on a mixture of support from taxpayers, businesses and a fairer sys-tem of student loans. It won the first key vote by a com-fortable majority after a de-bate described on both sides as a "battle for the soul of the

This is a victory for common sense," said the retiring president, Jim Murphy. A previous attempt to change the union's policy failed at a special conference

in Derby last year.
During the debate the Blairites accused those on the left and centre of the union, who defended the policy, of indulg-ing in rhetoric, "Rhetoric doesn't pay the bills and students can't eat slogans," said the president-elect, Douglas

Mr Murphy said the policy would cost more than £10 billion. "Even if that money were available are we hon- votes by 586 to 458

estly the most vulnerable people in society? If you think so, you look the homeless or a patient on an NHS waiting list in the eye and tell them that."

The left's defeated presiden-tial candidate, Clive Lewis, said abandoning the policy would be against the interest so-called realism will create yet another barrier to those struggling to enter higher education. This vote will determine where the next generation puts its commit-

Grants have been reduced by 20 per cent in two years and the loan facility increased by an identical amount. More than two thirds of students are in debt, according to a report by the National Westminster Bank. The average amount owed by aged 22-28, £4,301; and mature students, £7,817.

Mr Trainer, aged 25, said the policy change would make the union's negotiating position more credible. "I don't think it will make it any easier for any government; what it will do is give me a seat at the table with other interested parties with a pol-icy that I can defend."

Mr Trainer, president of NUS Scotland, took the national presidency after the first round of preference

# Cambodia gunmen seize Briton

Micholas Cumming-Bruce in Bangkok and Angelia Johnson

AMBODIAN gunmer yesterday selzed a Brit-ish de-mining expert north-western provincial cap-ital of Siem Reap, the country's main tourist destination.

Christopher Howes, aged 36, a former sapper from Bris-tol, was working with an in-terpreter and 27 Cambodian de-miners north of the famous Angkor Wat temple complex men struck at about 9.30am. Mr Howes, employed as a specialist for the Mines Advi-

sory Group (MAG), a Britishbased charity, has been help-ing to train civilians in the detection and destruction of anti-personnel landmines. Six of the Cambodian staff

made their escape, apparently by running through a mine-field and contacting workers on a United Nations aid MAG's director in London said the Cambodian govern-ment, the British embassy Hostages

Other Britons being held 🗆 Kashmir, India: Keith Morgan, 84, of Middlesborough and Paul seized on July 4 1995 by

members of Al Faran, a

previously unknown Kashmiri separatist group. ☐ Irian Java, Indonesia: Daniel Start, 21, of London Bill Oates, 22, of Jedburgh, in the Borders; Anna

McIvor, 20, of Bournemouth; Annette van der Kolk, 21, of Fleet, Hants (all Cambridge University graduates) - seized on January 8 by members of the OPM Free Papua

> negotiations for all the hos tages' release. "We would like to affirm that our de-mining continue." he said.

Ranariddh, flew to Siem Reap yesterday to review security in the area and supervise efforts to obtain the remaining captives' release, Western

ources reported.

But both MAG and Cambodian officials were yesterday groping for information to es-tablish the identity of the abductors, reported to be armed with automatic weapons and

Khmer Rouge guerrillas have been active in the area, blowing up bridges, attacking mad transport and laving booby traps. Other aid agency personnel working close to the MAG team yesterday in an area five miles north-west of Angkor Wat are understood to have pulled out after receiving warning reports of Khmer Rouge guerrilla move-

ments nearby.

But officials are also investigating the possibility that and the UN were helping with the de-miners may have been seized by a group of Khmer Rouge defectors living in the vicinity. They are said to be disgruntled by the government's failure to give them minister, Prince Norodom

reported to have moved quickly into the area after reports of the abduction. But the gunmen appear to have left, taking two MAG vehi-cles, radios and other

Mr Howes, who has worked as a de-miner in Ruwait and Cambodia in November, only moving to Siem Reap in January to set up operations in the

province. In 1993, Khmer Rouge guerrillas seized and later released another British deminer working for the Halo Trust. But yesterday's abduction was the first involving a foreigner since 1994, when Khmer Rouge elements seized seven Westerners, three of them British. Only one, an American woman aid worker,

returned alive. The abduction coincides with a government offensive holds near the Thai border Last week they occupied Pailin, a shelled-out town of symbolic importance as a gateway to gem- and timber-rich areas of the movement, wrote to the charity law because the hitherto controlled by Pol Pot. Charity Commissioners to how they were amassed

### **Charity Commissioners** curb animal campaigns

responsible charity, we must now accept human needs are

medicinal

redrafting of its policies and a drive to double its 28,000 membership could offer solutions. The first casualty of the ruling has been a campaign against the British-financed

Officials claim a "robust"

use of chimpanzees for vivisection in Holland. Two other high-profile causes are now open to legal challenge - the anti-hunting and live exports campaigns.
Several keynote publications face the axe in their

present forms and the membership ban on intensive also in doubt. The ruling is a victory for the blood sports and landowning interests which have pumped millions of pounds through the recently formed

the specific intention of challenging animal rights campaigns. Sir David Steel, chairman

of the movement, wrote to the

should be limited to welfare and should not campaign outside that remit, and that it should not be allowed to stop anyone joining just because they did not agree with its policies.

At the same time, the movement's close ally, the British Field Sports Society, urged members to join the RSPCA and change it.

A hundred applications have been arriving daily and the total is now about 2,000. The first 100 were in time to confer voting rights for the society's annual meeting in

Richard Ryder, chairman of the RSPCA's public relations farmers, in place since 1980, is and campaigns committee, commented: "I am very con-cerned and I can only appeal for people to join the RSPCA to head off this influx of blood

sport enthusiasts."
Mr McCall dismisses in his advice that the RSPCA could stop being a charity. It would need parliamentary approval and even then the assets would still be governed by



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Birds Eye and British Airways join boycott as meat workers laid off

# Countrywide slaughter is only answer, say farmers

**Barbie Dutter** 

ARMERS leaders yes-terday demanded a special slaughter scheme to remove older cattle from the food chain as escalating confusion and plummeting consumer confidence brought the beef

industry down further. The frozen food giant Birds Eye declared that it too was bowing to consumer pressure and halting the production of

beefburgers. British Airways announced that it would no longer serve beef to child passengers. Abattoir and meat workers faced redundancy as business col-lapsed at slaughter houses and cattle markets across the

The National Farmers Union proposal, already pre-sented to the Government, would result in the removal of all older cattle. Around 12,000-15,000 dairy cows which are slaughtered every week would be incinerated rather than used in meat products,

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Scottish herd

safe steak

older cows going to abattoirs each year, the NFU estimated that compensation payments could amount to £700 million. The NFU said the move, al though not warranted on the basis of scientific evidence, was the only way to restore consumer confidence in British beef. It is the first time the body has allowed consumer

pressure to outweigh scien-

tific advice on the issue. NFU president Sir David Naish said: "The events of the past week show that we have gone beyond the stage of relying solely on science. The Government must take immediate action because the steps announced so far have failed to restore confidence among

Farmers from across south-east England are threatening to descend on Westminster tomorrow in a French-style demonstration if the Government does not introduce comoensation measures.

Around 2,000 farmers are expected to attend a meeting at South East Marts, one of the region's biggest livestock auctioneers, in Guildford omorrow. No cattle were sold

With upwards of 800,000 | yesterday at the market, | BSE issue. Birds Eye burgers where around 300 animals are already in the shops would sold on a normal day - a situnot be withdrawn. ation which was echoed at

"Whilst we remain confi-dent about the quality and safety of our beef products, we have decided that in light marts across the country.

The numbers of cattle sold at auction has slumped by 94 per cent in the last week while the average price has fallen by 23.53p to 97.11p/kg of continued consumer concerns we are reviewing the use of British beef and are considering options such as alternative sourcing and product reformulations," the - a drop of 19.5 per cent according to the figures from the Meat and Livestock

ompany said in a statement. British Airways has Sheep sales have risen by 29 banned British beef from per cent, while pig sales are up 10 per cent. The ABP abatchild menus on its flights, and will only offer Argentine or prime Scottish steer beef as an option if adult passengers toir in Hordley, Shropshire axed 57 jobs. Midland Meat Packers of Crick, Northamp

request it.
"In acknowledgement of tonshire, sent 150 workers on holiday for two weeks.

The meat industry employs passenger concerns about BSE and following detailed examination of the current facts, we have adjusted our menus to remove British beef 500,000 workers, including farmers, abattoir employees, where it is the only choice available," said a also being hit by the rapidly falling demand, with some markets reporting selling no

okeswoman. "This includes removing all beef or beef products from all children's meals."

it makes burgers, until there was "more clarity" on the



David Hencke on a Commons perk

MINISTERS and MPs can | dine on beef safe in the knowledge that every morsel is guaranteed free of hereditary peer's estate at BSE by an aristocrat, Dalkeith in Scotland.

ister, MPs sitting down to a meal in the mother of par-liaments can be sure that every portion of beef on the The estate's pu every portion of beef on the menu has come from a steer says that even after slaugh-

Duke of Buccleuch . . . offers life history for every carcass whose diet and health have ter any animal with too been supervised from birth much fat will fail to get the to the slaughterhouse on an

backed by a 400-year tradi-tion of quality.

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oration.

private secretary to Scot-tish Office ministers under Harold MacMillan.

tion staff. Auctioneers are

Birds Eye said it had halted beefburger production at its factory in Lowestoft, Suffolk,

the only site in the UK where

David Dorricott, execu-

"THE HOSPITAL SAYS

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AWAY."

tive chef at the House of Commons Refreshment Department, told the Guardian: "For the past 18 months we have ordered virtually all our beef from the Duke of Buccleuch's estate because he can offer us a personal life history for every animal that comes into the kitchen.

"We know there can be no question of any BSE. As a result, beef stays on the

"I have had calls now from a number of top chefs at West End restaurants who are keen to find out about our supplier."

Yesterday three of the Commons dining rooms were offering beef.
Sirloin was available in

the members' dining room, pan fried steak in a wild mushroom and mustard sauce in the Stranger's Res-taurant and boeuf bourgui-gnon in the Press Gallery. The biggest demand came from MPs and their guests, who took 27 beef portions among the 85 Junches served in their dining

Lobby journalists, writing the stories about the beef crisis, left the bossy



Farmers listening to NFU officers reporting on the beef crisis at a meeting near York yesterday, where one official said: 'Unfortunately, beef is now guilty and we have to prove it is innocent'. The 300-strong audience applauded speakers calling for an immediate slaughter policy, as 'our customer, the housewife, is terrified'

# Wily Sir Leon fails to halt EU ban

Stephen Bates in Brussels

FIE European Commis-sion's veterinary committee last night repeated its 14-1 vote to ban the export of all British beef and beef products after hear-ing the supplementary evi-dence from Sir Kenneth Calman, the Government's chief medical officer, that John

Major had insisted was vital. There is now little doubt the 20 commissioners meeting today will endorse the ban -Brittan and Neil Kinnock.

But the commission was made to look amateurish yesterday when it tried to claim it had never announced a ban was already in place on Monday night. Franz Fischler, the agriculture commissioner, who announced on Monday been taken, appears to have jumped the gun — assuming the ban was signed and sealed without checking first if it was accepted by Mr Kinnock and Sir Leon, the only two commissioners who refused

to support it. He had assumed the ban could be imposed through the signed endorsement of commissioners — but that procedure has to be unanimous. Mr Fischler, who spent most of Monday in Austria, returned to Brussels only in mid-after-noon and did not consider that his British colleagues

might have reservations.
One official said: "He bungled. He didn't do his homework properly."

It was after his premature nounce a decision." most potential markets have Ghana and Angola are the announcement that Mr Major The commission will today already banned British beef), main non-European markets.

Action around the world

Republic yesterday all 5,000 or so cattle im-benned British beef and strengthened border secu-BONG KONG: The governrity to stop farmers in Northern Ireland trying to smuggle their cattle southwards.

policy of destroying the entire herd as soon as one aniwith or without the support of mal shows symptoms of the British members. Sir Leon RSE. This brought the total number of slaughters to 300 since the beginning of this year and about 700 since the first French cases, in

1991. GERMANY: The agriculture ministry of Brandenburg state ordered the slaughter of 49 British cat-

pean Union's most wily oper-ator — phoned commission president Jacques Santer and demanded a stay of execution. Mr Santer was obliged to accept, knowing the ban could not be agreed until today's

weekly meeting.
"There are no differences between members of the commission," a spokesman an-nounced yesterday. "The commission will not be called upon to decide until tomorrow. Mr Fischler did not anHONG KONG: The govern-ment advised frozen beef

sellers in the territory to declare the origin of their products before selling it. FRANCE: One hundred Hong Kong does not import cows were slaughtered in fresh meat from Britain Brittany under the French and said it sourced only 2 to 3 per cent of its imported frozen beef from the UK EGYPT: The authorities carrying Irish cattle, the Irish embassy in Cairo said. An embassy official said about 5,200 cows were now

stranded off the city of Alexandria. GHANA: The government announced a ban on beef imports from Europe, which it said was tempotle to ensure they would which it said was temponot spread the disease. The federal government has European Union asked the regional states to deliberations.

— undoubtedly after consultation with Sir Leon, the Eurotion anyone other than the British might oppose. Mr Kinnock was said to be considering his position last night, anxious that there should be a full and fair debate before the

matter is decided. However, uncertainty remains over how far the commission could insist on a worldwide han. Britain — and Sir Leon, the trade commissioner — argue the EU cannot dictate where it trades with

outside countries (though

can prevent it being exported in case it is later reimported into the EU.

Gerry Kiely, its agriculture spokesman, said: "Our opinon is that we have the power in order to avoid meat coming back on to the market."

Alex Bellos adds: The ban-ning of a product exported in such quantity and in as many forms as British beef is without precedent in world trade, and impossible to enforce, it was claimed yesterday. Neither Customs and Ex-

cise, the Department of Trade. the Meat and Livestock Commission said they understood how a global ban would work. action or whether the EU would do it, we just don't know. It would be very complicated," a ministry spokes-

man said. A DTI spokeswoman said: "There is not a situation where one product from one country has been banned worldwide. It would be very complicated. We would have to agree not to export it, and Customs would police it."

The initial difficulty in policing a bar, would be dis-covering the destinations of all the beef and beef products, as there is no official list. Some beef is processed into substances like gelatin which is then distributed to food companies to make products like wine gums and vitamin

Britain exported £520 million of beef last year, of which £63 million went outside the EU. South Africa, Mauritius,

their own recommendations

fidence in beef?

in order to restore public con-

Precisely. Ms Harman ar-

gued yesterday. "The scientists, ironically, understood

the politics better than the politicians." Ministers would

have preferred her this week

simply to call on the public to eat British beef, but she in-

stead argued for no beef in

school meals, and crash pros-

ecutions of illegal slaughter

Was Mr Hogg's hint at mass

slaughter last weekend over-

ruled by the Chancellor, Ken-

# Ministers' record in the scare

Michael White and Patrick Wintour

HEN scientists on SEAC, the advisory committee on BSE-related diseases, told the Government last week that there may after all be a link between — mad cow disease — in cattle and rare cases of CJD in human beings, ministers knew they would have to inform the public and tighten controls on the food chain. But did they handle the crisis well?

Should ministers have acted more quickly on SEAC's new

warning?
Ministers acted quickly by
Whitehall standards. SEAC
met on Saturday March 16,
and the Health Secretary, Stephen Dorrell, was told, as was John Major, the following Monday. SEAC met again on late into Tuesday night. It delivered its advice to ministers at 10.30 next morning — by which time the Daily Mirror had broken the story. MPs were informed at

Should ministers have said more at that stage — or less? Having Mr Dorrell and the Agriculture Minister, Douglas Hogg, both make Commons statements was a misproblem area, Britain, but take. It upped the public anxiety level.

Did Health and Agriculture

send conflicting messages?
Probably. Mr Dorrell, instinctively cautious, became more robust as the crisis deepends. But in his mittal Commons statement he gave Commons statement, he gave the impression that Britain might be on the verge of an epidemic. Mr Hogg has been criticised for openly raising the prospect of a mass cull of older cattle in TV interviews on Sunday. Yet it was not the Government but SEAC sources which triggered dramatic stories about the option of slaughtering all 11 million

But key uncertainties were left unanswered on Day 1?

Yes. Ministers initially could not say if children were more at risk. And at first they rejected slaughter calls. Both omissions added to consumer fears. Ministers hid behind scientific advice which, after years of misjudgment, the public mistrusted.

problem area, Britain, but trade and politics also play a role. John Major's Euroscep-tic government has few friends in such wheeler-deal-ing. Worse, Mr Hogg had sent his junior. Tony Baldry, to the monthly meeting of farm ministers 48 hours before the

crisis. He didn't mention Has the Government been

undermined by an irresponsi-ble Opposition? Harriet Harman has pulled

few punches, clearly siding with the consumer rather than the beef producers. The shadow health secretary may have caused some private unbeen running a long-term campaign to re-position Labour as the party of the rural interest. With their strong rural base, Liberal Democrats also faced dilemmas, but swung behing a mass slaughter once the National Farmers Union demanded one.

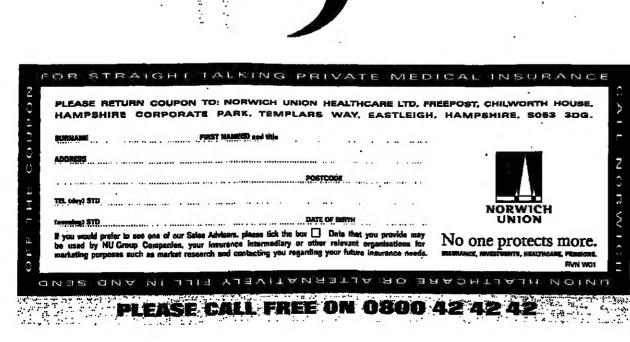
Did the scientists also expect

ministers to go futher than

neth Clarke, on cost grounds? Clarke was not alone in arguing that to spend billions against scientific advice would be foolish. Market ease with Gavin Strang forces have changed their (shadow agriculture) who has minds.

> Isn't this government supposed to champion market forces?

Yes. Yet ministers have chosen to back experts against "mad" public opinion. The Tory magic touch simple slogans that voters understand — have also been absent. Eating Beef? It's Safer Than Crossing the Road.



Pressure from the US and its G-7 allies linked to Russian policy concessions wins a \$10bn IMF loan | World news in brief

# West gives Yeltsin a boost Afghan warplanes bomb rebel bases



Yeltsin: Policies frequently

HE International Monetary Fund was meeting last night to give final approval to a \$10.2 bil-lion credit facility for Russia. of which more than \$1 billion should be disbursed before President Boris Yeltsin faces

re-election in June.
Although the American,
British and other Western
governments insist that they support the democratic pro-cess in Russia rather than a specific candidate, the credit is by far the most potent evidence of a Western preference for Mr Yeltsin's re-election.

"Most Western governments would say that that Yeltsin has continued the reform process in the right di-rection, despite great pres-sures," a senior diplomatic source said yesterday.

"To the extent that Yeltsin

represents a process we sup-port, a process which we think is in the best interests of the Russian people and of the West, we support him."

With strong but discreet backing from the White House and other G-7 governments, the IMF staff and managements committee recommended vesterday to the exec-

utive board that the Russian request for the extended fund

Traditionally, the board en-

facility should be accepted.

dorses such recommendations and Russian diplomatic sources said the loan was "absolutely assured".

The recommendation was finally made after a series of trade and economic conces sions by Moscow. These ranged from cutting import tariffs and taxes on oil and gas exports to closing tax loopholes and maintaining the annual \$500 million purchase of US frozen poultry.

Much of the poultry comes
from the Tyson Foods corporation of Arkansas, a cause close to Mr Clinton's heart. Financial matters apart, the US has repeatedly been in-furiated by Mr Yeltsin and senior members of his gov-

and the rough rhetoric about the restoration of the boundaries of the old Soviet Union. When concern about Mr Yeltsin's health was at its height, senior US policy-makers were musing whether a new campaign by a visibly sick president would be in Russia's best interests. Mr Yeltsin's recovery and his rise in the Russian opinion polls have given some reas-surance that he has a decent

chance of re-election. The other options

dislikes are Russian objec- | nady Zyuganov, or more tions to the enlargement of Nato, the clumsy brutality of remotely, the nationalist Vla-dimir Zhirinovsky, are far more worrying to Mr Clinton the war in Chechenia, the sale of advanced weaponry and nuclear technology to Iran. and his Western allies. IMF officials insisted yes terday that the loan was made on the basis of an economic

programme, not on political considerations", and that Russia had carried out most of the promises it had made to Western financial institutions. been amended in accordance with IMF recommendations including one oil and gas tax loophole which IMF officials saw as a blatant way to enrich friends of the prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin.

# Troops attack rebel villages

David Hearst in Moscow

USSIAN forces fighting rebels for control of Chechenia yesterday began a blitzkrieg bombard-ment of forces loyal to Dzhokhar Dudayev in villages to the east and southwest of Grozny. Meanwhile, President Boris Yeltsin, on a state visit to Norway, announced that large-scale operations would stop before the presidential election in June.

However, there was no sign of consensus on what stop-ping large-scale operations would mean. Senior defence sources quoted yesterday said draw all units to Dagestan and Ingushetia, on the Chechen borders, and keep them there in readiness "until the

) halt EU be

the scare

Army and interior ministry generals have warned about the dangers of a unilateral withdrawal, which they feel has nothing to do with military strategy and everything to do with organising the best conditions for Mr Yeltsin's re-

In a speech to parliament, General Anatoli Kulikov called Chechenia a "knot of criminality" and warned that forces loyal to Moscow's placeman. Doku Zavgayev, would be massacred without Russia's protection.

Yesterday General Pavel Grachev, the Russian defence minister, said "special opera-tions" in Chechenia, led first by police, would continue to destroy bandit groups.

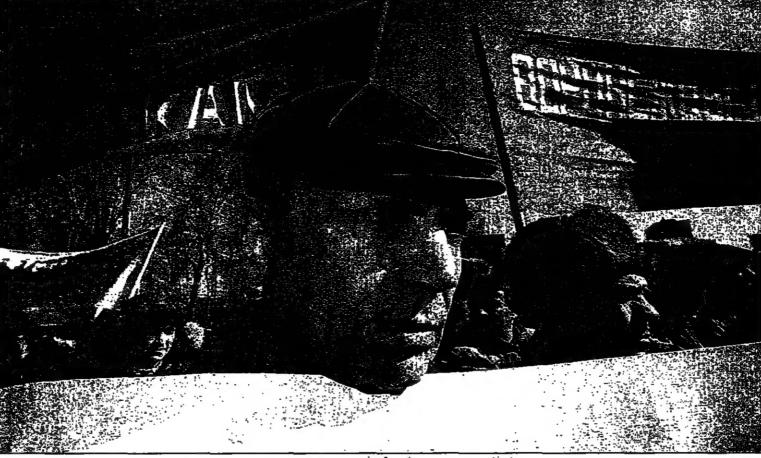
Mr Yeltsin's policy in Che-

chenia is in total disarray. He is caught between the conflicting needs of having to satisfy his army and appease the Russian electorate, with whom the 15-month conflict is deeply unpopular.

Russian forces — with carte blanche from the Kremlin to attack Chechen villages until the end of the month — were reported to be continuing operations against Bamut, Arie-chova and Old Achoi. Operations against Chechen fighters holding out in Grozny also continued.

 A report by the Organisa-tion for Security and Co-operation in Europe says Russian soldiers in Chechenia have used excessive force against civilians, and engaged in robbery, looting and arson.

The report also criticised the rebels for systematic hostage-taking in recent weeks.



Russian farmers picket the main government building in Moscow yesterday to demand unpaid salaries PHOTOGRAPH: ALEXANDER ZEA

minister, Gro Harlem Brundt-

land, explicitly to rule out another plebiscite on Europe at

In Sweden, which narrowly voted in favour of member-

ship in 1994, discontent with

the fruits of entry has bur-

least until the next century.

The Swedes feel cheated and even the Europhile Finns are wary of a single currency. But, writes

**Greg McIvor** in

Stockholm, while its neighbours repent, Norway, which stayed out, is sitting pretty

coming door to mem-bership applications from in the early 1990s, hopes ran high in Brussels that the Nordic states' entry could rejuve nate moves towards deeper

European integration.
Today that optimism has evaporated. A tide of Euroscepticism is flowing through Scandinavia amid public discontent over the union's perceived failure to solve eco nomic problems such as

In Norway, which rejected membership in a 1994 referendum, anti-European sentiper cent after a much-pre-dicted post-referendum reaction failed to materialise.

Dire warnings from the government and industry that thousands of jobs would be lost and the economy undermined by refusing to join

<sup>S</sup> Future

Buoyed by booming fish and oil exports, Norway's economy is one of Europe's t. Threats by big companies to shift production to adjacent EU markets have so far proved mere bluster. The establishment told us

by events.

that investment would fall, the currency would weaken and interest rates would rise. Precisely the opposite has oc-curred," said Kjell-Erik Kallet, of Norway's Nei till EU The depth of resistance to

geoned almost from day one of membership. Barely a quarter of the electorate would vote Yes today and talk of replacing the krona by a

common European currency arouses deep public ntipathy. The inter-governmental conference has failed to capture attention and only 18 per cent of Swedes say they have heard of the event.
A 12 million kronor (£1.2 mil-

lion) campaign to promote awareness of the IGC through publicly funded courses has flopped badly, with some dis-tricts unable to spend the because of lack of

"Europe is about the 14th or 15th most important issue in people's lives at the moment, said Toivo Sjoren of the poll-ing institute Sifo. He added that many felt

duped by the pro-EU cam-paign, which promised lower interest rates and more jobs if Sweden joined the union. As in Norway, events have strongly backs the idea and

defied the forecasts. Unemlevels and interest rates are still substantially above those

eisewhere in Europe.
Food prices, predicted to fall by up to 10 per cent due to increased competition, rose slightly in the aftermath of entry and today remain high. In Finland, by contrast. food prices did fall by 10 per cent — due largely to the fact that farmers were less pre pared for the impact of com

petition than their Swedish counterparts.
"Food prices are the major factor behind the EU's popularity. Consumers can see a

'Europe is the 14th or 15th most important issue in people's lives'

tangible benefit in their pocksaid a Finnish diplomat. As the most Europhile of the Nordic states, Finland is also the most enthusiastic about economic and mone by prime minister Paavo Lip ponen's Social Democrats rumours have circulated that Finland is soon to join the EU exchange rate mechanism. But despite a pro-European

public, support for a common currency is patchy. A recent survey suggested only 24 per cent were in favour of the plan, with 43 per cent against. Opposition to EMU is even more deep-rooted in Sweden, where the ruling Social Dem-ocrats are bitterly divided on the issue. Many observers be-lieve it is the biggest single threat to the party and some have warned of a split if it is

forced through. Meanwhile, in Denmark EMU participation is one of several opt-outs engineered to persuade Danes to ratify the

Maastricht treaty in 1993. The prime minister, Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, has warned that any attempt by member states to dilute them would have to be endorsed by

Privately, some Danish ministers believe EMU could confer important economic advantages but they are hamstrung by public opinion. One official said: "The

problem for the Social Demo-crats and for Denmark as a whole is that we are split down the middle on Europe decided to join in 1972."

AFGHAN government jets bombed rebel positions south and west of the capital Kabul yesterday, killing up to 50 people. A defence ministry official told reporters that 20 people were also wounded as the planes attacked a building at Charasyab base, 15 miles south of Kabul, where commanders of the Taleban Islamic militia were meeting to discuss plans for their war on the government.

Earlier, forces loyal to President Burhanuddin Rabbani were iso reported to have shelled Charasvah. The government attacks came amid rumours that the government would soon launch an offensive to drive the Taleban out of artillery range of the city, which the militia has vowed to

### Palme suspect fingered

take. - Router, Kabul.

SWEDISH media yesterday once again alleged that a Swede tried and cleared of the assassination of the prime minister, Olof Palme, 10 years ago was responsible for the murder.

Swedish television said it had been in touch with two people who said Christer Pettersson, now 48, had told them be shot Palme, who was killed in 1986 as he returned home from the cinema with his wife.

Swedish newspapers picked up the trail, repeating the allega-tions against Mr Pettersson, cleared of the killing in 1989 by a Stockholm appeal court.

Mr Pettersson pleated not guilty at his trial and has always denied he assassinated Palme. He was not available for comment. New speculation about Mr Pettersson's role in the killing emerged last month with the evidence of a dying gambling club owner. Sigge Cedergren, who said he gave a pistol to Mr Petters-son shortly before Palme was killed. The weapon was similar to the type of gun used. — Reuter, Stockholm.

# US police confront Freemen

THE US government triggered a new confrontation with America's rightwing militia movement yesterday, as federal agents moved in on a cell of armed radicals who refuse to recognise the authority of the United States.

US marshals, state police and FBI agents surrounded a remote compound in Helena, Montana, which has been occupied for months by the Freemen, a militant anti-government group which es to pay taxes and threatens to shoot any official who tries to

The stand-off escalated dramatically on Monday, when FBI gents ambushed two leaders of the faction. LeRoy Schweitzer and Daniel Peterson were arrested in the tiny town of Brusett, where they had gone to pick up their post, and were charged

Now officials are urging the remaining Freemen to abandon their siege. The militants insist they have their own laws and courts in their compound, a 960-acre wheat farm. In previous court appearances, they have threatened state officials and judges. — Jonathan Freedland, Washington.

### Mine rescuers killed

TEN rescuers trying to save a trapped miner were killed in a rockfall at a South African coal mine yesterday. The mine company Iscor Ltd said all 10 members of the rescue team died and the fate of the man trapped at Tshikondeni mine in Northern Province was unknown.

Air force helicopters evacuated seven people and recovered

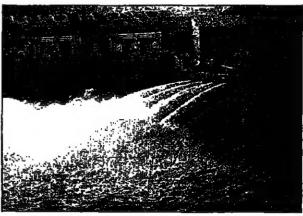
The deaths bring to at least 23 the numbers of miners killed in South African coal and gold mines in the past two months.—

Reuter, Johannesburg.

# More women 'should govern'

MANY people believe that if more women were in governmen

their countries would be better governed, but most prefer a man to be their boss, according to a US poll released yesterday. The International Gallup Poll of 22 countries also revealed that only six showed majorities in favour of a "maditional" family structure where only one parent worked. The United States France and Japan were among the most conservative. — Reuter



First flush . . . Water pours from the bottom of the Glen Canyon Dam in Arizona yesterday. Officials are creating a controlled flood in the Grand Canyon to manage sediment and other environmental aspects

# Kashmir militants withdraw

ARMED militants began to withdraw last night from Kashmir's holiest shrine, ending a three-day confrontation with police that had threatened to derail New Delhi's plans to hold general

Seventeen of those who occupied the Hazratbal mosque in Srinagar on Sunday after a gun battle in which at least 10 people died left with their weapons after dark, guaranteed safe passage An unknown number remained inside. — Suzanne Goldenberg

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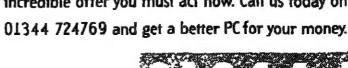
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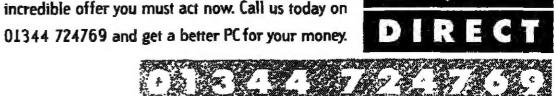




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The leaders of the EU gather in Turin on Friday to discuss increased **European integration and** expansion to the east. **But visions of the future** diverge wildly. On these pages, the main arguments of the debate are explored in the context of the EU's history and the challenges ahead



**Leonard Doyle** on how the EU came into being

# Britain fails to cloud a vision

HARLEMAGNE and Napoleon both tried and failed to unify Europe by the sword, but it was Adolf Hitler who provided the catalyst for what is now the Euro-

pean Union.
After the second world war several factors combined to push Western Europe towards unity: fear of the Soviet Union, the need for reconstruction while preventing another war, and awareness of American

might. America's Marshall aid plan began reconstruction and helped promote freer trade but it was a former French brandy salesman in Britain, Jean Monnet, who prepared the way for European union.

Monnet, a member of France's postwar government proposed that the iron and steel industries — both then central to a nation's ability to wage war - be taken from national control and put under an independent authority. The European Coal and

Steel Community (ECSC) turned France and Germany from enemies into partners. It opened for business on August 10, 1952, but then, as now, Britain could not see itself as European.

An enduring feature of European integration is how successive British governments have tried and failed to prevent Europe from unifyng, only to cut a deal in the end. France and Germany's alliance has long outlived predictions of its early demise.

The Europeans got on with creating a new breed of inter-national organisation, with a decision-making secretariat. Paris was euphoric about the ECSC — it wanted to press

on with closer political integration. Military co-ordination was next. Against the back-ground of the Korean War. talks about the creation of a European army proceeded. Again, Britain stayed on the

sidelines, as a treaty for a European Defence Community was concluded in 1952. But France's Gaullist and Communist opposition refused to ratify the agreement and the Defence Commu nity was stillborn.

The shock persuaded Mon-net that the path to unity lay with economic integration. He began lobbying for a United States of Europe.

United States of Europe.
With Britain staying away
again, talks began in Messina
in 1955. The resulting Treaty
of Rome — signed on March
25, 1957 — brought into being
the European Economic Community (EEC), dedicated to

creating a common market. A key aspect was that the elimination of trade barriers and establishment of a com-mon external tariff would occur with common institu-tions. As Britain's Eurosceptics ruefully point out, these have now taken on a life of their own. Member states are bound by all the rules of the club, not just those they like and, utopian as it sounds, the goal of "ever closer union" is

in the rulebook. From its beginning in 1967 the EEC was a roaring success, but protectionism was also allowed to grow with the

ommon Agricultural Policy. In 1961, Britain acknowledged it had backed the wrong horse in setting up the Euro-pean Free trade Association (EFTA), and applied to join. France's president, Charles de Gaulle, vetoed the move. Britain, Ireland and Denmark eventually joined the EEC in 1973. But before long

In 1961, Britain acknowledged it had backed the wrong horse

Margaret Thatcher, as Prime Minister, began her battle over Britain's EEC contribution — a problem only resolved in 1984.

The Single European Act which came into effect in 1993 completed the internal mar-ket — the first time a British initiative had taken hold. But there was a price for ensuring the freedom of goods, people, services and capital needed. Preventing gridlock in the Council of Ministers meant more majority voting was required, and with it the sur-

render of more sovereignty. By the time of the 1991 Mass tricht conference, which estab-lished the European Union, Britain's instinctive scepticism was brushed aside as ambitious plans for monetary union by 1999 were drawn up. Maastricht did not deal with

the historical opportunity which has presented itself of really uniting Europe, by en-larging the number of member states to as many as 27. Britain's wish to bring in

the former communist states of Eastern Europe as quickly as possible must now be bal-anced against the need to have an EU that works. More qualifled majority voting is obvi-ously in order.

The cause of closer European union is the cause of democratic reform of the British state, social progress and an effective system of rights and freedoms, writes John Palmer in Brussels

# The argument in favour

T IS difficult to conceive of a more tragic or revealing metaphor for the isolation of the British government and the suspicion with which it is regarded by its European

Union partners than that pro-vided by the BSE crisis.

The shadow of BSE will hang dark over the launch in Turin on Friday of the EU conference to review the Maastricht treaty.

From the moment it joined

the European Community in 1973, Britain has all too often found itself out of step with

While most other countries end up in a minority within the union's councils from time to time, Britain has made being a minority a way of life.
The failure of British ministers to consult the EU in ad-

which London generally dis-plays towards the union. Attitudes to the British

were not always so jaundiced. The rest of the EU was reluc-

leader was able to cash in on the dwindling fund of goodwill for Britain was during the Maastricht treaty negotia-tions in the early 1990s. Then, against their better judgment, the others conceded to Britain asylum seekers and the fight against unemployment. The currency.
This attitude of bemused

tolerance for British obstruction in the EU is now giving way to a steely determination that the rest of Europe should no longer be sacrificed to the Tory party's wars of religion

over Europe.
John Major and his col-leagues will learn the hard way during the course of the treaty review conference that the rest of the EU would pre-fer to postpone an agreement than to sign up to one dictated

If this means that Germany's chancellor, Hel-mut Kohl, France's president, Jacques Chirac, and the rest simply have to sit on their hands until the Tories are removed from office, that is what will happen.

Reform of the Maastricht treaty is essential. The origi-nal accord is a legal and polit-ical mess which sought to mould together contradictory visions of the future. On the continued evolution towards a decentralised, democratic federation of nation states: "an ever closer union of the

peoples of Europe".
At its heart this involves maintaining the Commission's sole right to make pub-lic legislative proposals. accepting greater majority voting in the Council of Min-isters, having law-making powers shared more equally between the Council and the elected European Parliament and ensuring a system of union-wide law adjudicated by the European Court of Justice.

isters to consult the EU in advance of the devastating announcement about the possible links between BSE and CJD is regarded as all too typical of the arrogance jargon for the secretive and which I and a consequent of the secretive and typical of the arrogance jargon for the secretive and typical of the arrogance jargon for the secretive and typical of the arrogance jargon for the secretive and typical of the arrogance jargon for the secretive and typical of the arrogance jargon for the secretive and typical of the arrogance jargon for the secretive and typical of the secretive and typical of the arrogance jargon for the secretive and typical of the arrogance jargon for the secretive and typical of the arrogance jargon for the secretive and typical of the same time, the Maas-tricht treaty also entrenched a quite different system of typical of the arrogance jargon for the secretive and typical of the unaccountable club of nation states which can act collectively in crucial policy areas such as foreign and security

The rest of the EU was reluctant to write off the Tory government — even under Margaret Thatcher — as irredeemably unwilling to join the club, let alone as an inveterate wrecker.

The last time a British leader was able to cash in on shaped by the lowest common denominator of national

The consequences of this failure to act can be seen from policy goals, notably workers' inter-governmental club ap-rights and the single proach also makes a mockery of parliamentary accountabil ity and deepens the already pean decision makers and

> Reform of the EU institutions is vital for a second reason. The present system was built for the six founding countries of the EU 40 years ago, and is now stretched to breaking point. But the stepby-step expansion of the union to most of central and eastern Europe — as well as Cyprus and Malta — is now

only a matter of time.

To try to run a European
Union with 30 or more members under the present constitution is to invite paralysis and possible eventual

In this context, the real criticism to be made of the



process beginning in Turin is | democratic and open system that, far from being too ambi-tious, it will set its sights dan-areas where the EU is already

garously low.
As far as the other 14 countries are concerned, the IGC is about the minimum of reforms needed to keep the show on the road until en-largement makes more radical change unavoidable in a few years' time. Neither the Commission

nor the EU as a whole is seeking powers in new policy areas. What the reformers want is a more effective,

esponsible.

Displaying a bizarre capacity to abuse the meaning of words, this is described by Tory — and other — Euro-sceptics as constructing "a centralised Euro-superstate". This kind of talk may still

evoke a sympathetic echo in the Home Counties, but it is ridiculed in Scotland, in Regions.

Wales and increasingly in the English regions.

A centralised superstate and European Court rulings Relations.

does exist it is called the can testify, the cause of closer United Kingdom and it is European union is also the directed not from Brussels cause of social reform and an hut from London

This is why the cause of closer European union is the cause of democratic reform of electoral reform, and self government for Scotland.

effective system of cross border rights and freedoms.

John Paimer was born in 1938. the British state — a Bill of Rights, a written constitution 1964, where he was the Business Editor, and a leader writer. He has been European Editor in Brussels since 1975. Wales and the English He is the author of two books

Stephen Bates on Turin's challenges

Grand vision toned down

HE choice of a renoin Turin for Friday's meeting to launch the inter governmental conference (IGC) strikes some observ-

will emerge from the old go round in circles.

ers as symbolic.
A modernised structure framework, they say. Alternatively — bearing in mind the old test track on the roof — there will just be a recy-cling of new models which

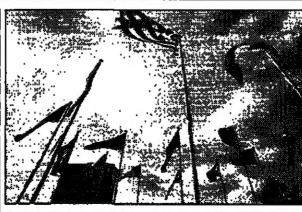
Nothing will be decided this week. There will be pageantry, ceremonial and a desultory general chat at the conference centre into which the factory has been converted — another potential metaphor for modern Europe — before prime ministers, chancellors and presidents depart.

In the afternoon there will be a brief meeting of foreign ministers to start laying out the parameters of negotiations which every-one expects to stretch into the middle of next year. In June 1997 the IGC should eventually culmi-

nate at a meeting in Amster dam — the Dutch will hold the EU's rotating presidency when the negotia-tions are concluded, just as they did in December 1991 when the Maastricht treaty was agreed. But no one knows who

will be in office by then. Susanna Agnelli, Italy's 73year-old foreign minister — and a member of the family which made its fortune from Flat cars—almost certainly will not be. John Major may not be either. That is what

heads of government mean when they look to the con-ference lasting beyond the British election, in the hope of a more pliant Labour gov ernment. But, given the moderately sceptical noises from Labour's leadership, they may be disappointed. When the IGC was laid down in the Maastricht treaty four years ago, the agenda was expected to be somewhat different: a more



More flagpoles needed ... Arguments for reform of EU structures are based on its inevitable expansion

gung-ho drive towards economic and monetary union Now, following recession the turmoil of the EMU and the anguish in securing rat-

ification for the treaty, the agenda is more circumspec even if the rhetoric is not. It is nonsense to suppose what will emerge after a year of talks is the grand vision of Germany's chancellor, Hel-mut Kohl, of a Europe with a united economic, defence

and foreign policy. The details of the revised treaty at the core of the IGC will be hammered out by officials in Brussels, with oversight from foreign ministers and six-monthly checks from heads of gov-ernment. Britain's repre-sentative at the discussions will be Stephen Wall, the quiet mandarin who is our ambassador to the EU and was once a highly valued member of the Downing Street machine during Margaret Thatcher's tenure.

The main issues concern the structure and institutions of the EU as it prepares for enlargement to include the states of eastern Europe. The IGC will not be about monetary union — that was decided at Maastricht - nor will it concern itself with agriculture and regional policy, arguably

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1996 - the EU's '5,000-mile checkup' A year-loop inter-governmental conference begins in Turin this Enday, probably ending in air Amsterdam aurualf in June 1987



The biggest challer to bring in the former

Reform of the EU's back institutions is required if it is to function with a large membership into the next century. Germany wants a radical overheal, but Britain evs all that is need 5,000-mile checkup'. Britain sees enlargement as "an historic responsibility for Europe", but it will have to accept some institution reform if it is to happen

 One possible compronise could be to allocate voting. rights according to a country's size, glwing lauger countries like Britain, France: and Germany a bigger say. France has proposed a policy of "constructive abstention" to allow the EU ansignuon to allow the Edition to take foreign policy initiatives without the need for unanimity. Members which object could simply

The road ahead

A year of difficult negotiations lie ahead for Europe. There is a cat's cradle of economic, political and defence issues to be addressed Change is needed to enhance Europea democracy (by granting more power to the European Parliament). Eastern and Central Europe wants to join Nato. Effective foreign policy machinery is needed and Europe's It is also clear that public published vesterday loreign pol

Conservative and Labour supporters should make common cause to resist the Commission's vision of a Euro-superstate created by taking lump-sized bites out of nations, says John Redwood

# The argument against

its stall for the intergovernmental con-ference. The Foreign Office has been telling us that this will be nothing like the embattled sessions of Maas-tricht — just a 5,000-mile ser-

vice of the treaty.

Reading the Commission paper, I certainly wouldn't want them servicing my car if that's their idea of how to do it. It is not so much a 5,000mile service they have in fluence. It wants a proto-mind, more a case of taking foreign minister for Europe to our car away and ordering us all on to the European bus. Or, given the enthusiasm for a common foreign and de-fence policy, perhaps it is common European tank.

More attention should be

Britain's alternative vision is of a Europe of nations. We want a partnership.

given to these continental documents, as they are likely to have more influence over our lives and politics than most of the things written here.

This particular document is an overwhelmingly ambitious clear vision: the creation of a Euro-superstate. It sets about getting there by taking lumpsized bites out of the nation states of Europe. When it was first published, newspapers in Britain picked up the attack upon national vetoes, and then moved on. There is much more to this agenda than saying that practically everything should be settled by qualified majority voting.

The Commission targets Britain, saying that the social chapter opt out is unacceptable. There is to be no "pick and choose Europe". It does not even offer a pick and choose social chapter of the kind Tony Blair now favours. It proposes strengthening the European Court and making it even more independent of national governments. It wants the president of the Commission to have a role in choosing the other commis-sioners as if he were a presi-dent or prime minister choos-

ing a government. The Commission sees this conference as doing for

the sectors most in need of

Nor will greater trans-

parency or democratic ac-

countability feature promi-

nently - two other areas

change if it is to convince its 360 million inhabitants

that the European vision is one they should share.

be the decision-making pro-cess. Should more areas of policy be decided in the

qualified majority voting in order to ensure at least that

some decisions are taken as

Council of Ministers by

the EU expands? Or, as

national vetoes remain?

Britain wants, should

Central to the debate will

where the EU needs to

urgent reform.

HE European Com- foreign policy, defence and mission has set out home affairs what Maastricht did for monetary policy and economic affairs. At the heart of its ideas lies a common for eign and security policy, common defence procurement and home policy under the EC institutions.

It wants the Schengen arrangements for common borders and frontier controls extended to all EU states. It wants immigration and crime policies brought under EC inco-ordinate analysis and act as the spokesman for a common European policy. In short, it wants a European state. So what, some will say. The

Commission always wants more power and it would be surprising if it did not advance such an agenda. It is, after all, the servant of the member states. None of these things can come to pass unless all member states want them to.

That is true, but we should remember that this Commission is close to the wishes of the German and French gov-ernments. It often seems to be taking dictation from Bonn and Paris. Much of what the Commission has set out can also be found in the speeches and comments of the German Chancellor, Helmut Kohl. That is why we should take this seriously, and why we should offer an alternative.

Some socialists will say Britain could be forced to accept the social chapter and other elements of the solidarity package coming from Brussels. As a result, they may even think that accepting further big moves towards a Euro-superstate would be a good idea.

They should remember that not all common policies devised by the Commission will be equally in their favour. If Brussels does not wish to pro-tect birds from slaughter or factory treatment, that same union can or could stop us from doing anything about it ourselves. That same union may force socialist govern-ments in the EC to adopt market policies in some areas

cause between many Conservatives and Labour supporters in Britain to keep our right to make our own decisions in our own, democratic way. Britain's alternative vision is of a Europe of nations. We

want a partnership, common

The danger of legislative

sclerosia is great — there

are currently more than 20 ways in which legislation

can be made, and the aim is

to reduce these to three.

Fourteen member states

favour qualified majority

the Government — ever fearful of loss of sover-

voting on more issues, but

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The likely compromise

will be to give more weight

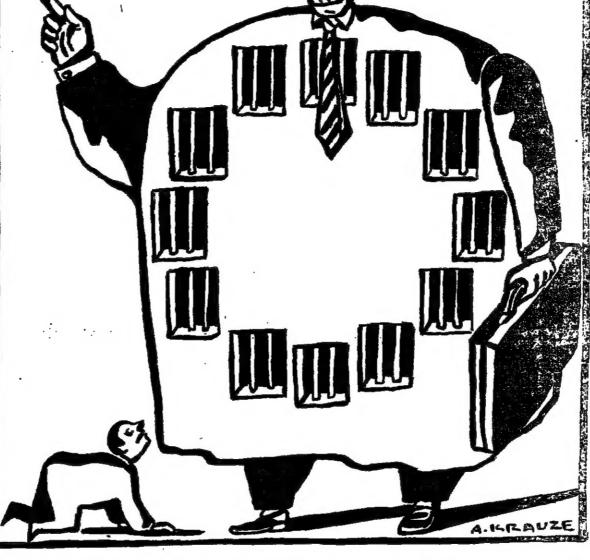
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lations, at the same time

reinforcing the so-called

resolutions it does not like.

that they do not like. There should be common



action where it makes sense and is freely entered into, along with trade to increase our prosperity. We do not need new defence

arrangements. We have what we need through Nato. It would be quite wrong for the EU to force its four neutral members to arm themselves more and join a defence union. We do not need new fron-tier arrangements. Britain as an island and Greece with no common land frontiers with the rest of the EU should not

ber states to opt out if they

believe vital national inter

probably also be a gesture towards expansion in the

process of co-decision mak-

ing between the Parliament

and Commission. Britain is

along with France, has op-

ment even observer status at the conference. By con-trast, Germany and the Be-

greater powers for Europe' only directly-elected body.

scaled down its ambitions.

Nevertheless, there will be calls from Britain for only

The Commission itself has

ests are threatened.

In return, there will

also resisting this and.

posed giving the Parlia-

system of border controls, | and understanding its mean- | the extent of centralised meaning more internal police surveillance in a vain attempt to make up for the lack of action at frontiers.

The last thing we need is a beefed up Supreme Court of Europe overturning more acts of Parliament and instructing us how to compen-sate Spanish fishermen.

In place of this, we need to offer a vision based on the new technology of the Internet and the global marketplace. Only by welcoming this explosion of computing power

guaranteed the right to

These structual reform

feed into policy areas where, again, Britain is largely isolated. On com-

mon foreign and security

policy — a failure as Bosnis has shown — unanimity is

currently required, and in

the name of making the EU

a world player Germany would like to move towards more streamlined majority

voting. On defence, Britain is op-

Western European Union to form a common defence

posed to Germany's pro-posed integration of the

force, and wants Nato to

elect a commissioner.

ing for the economy, polities and our society, can we offer people jobs and prosperity.

The technology points to much more individual, family and local decision-making and less centralised government. It points to people counting more, not less. The Commis-sion's vision, based on the

Franco-German plan, is old fashioned, backward-looking and damaging. It seeks ever more central power in Brus-sels and Frankfurt, when we should be questioning even

and home affairs, Britain is

again opposed to the EU taking a larger role in do-

mestic decision-making. Both Britain and France op-

pose suggestions of a com-mon immigration policy

Britain also wants to dis-cuss the role of the Euro-

pean Court of Justice, and has revived its ideas for the

This is likely to receive

limited sympathy from

other member states exas

tions to Europol, the intelli-gence co-ordinating police

perated by British objec-

reviewed and limited.

with open internal

frontiers.

more ways to return it to the

John Redwood was burn in 1951. He has been a Member of Parliament for Wokingham since 1987 and has played a leading role in setting out European issues to Parliament and the wider public in the last year he has published on the subject of the single currency and put forward propos als for the inter-governmental

agency held up for a year by London's intransigence over whether disputes should be resolved by the The Scandinavians would

like employment raised at the IGC — arguably, the EU's 18 million unemployed form Europe's most pressing social issue. Britain is again opposed to EU inter-ference in social affairs although one of the few Labour government would make would be to sign up to the Maastricht social

Scepticism sweeps Scandinavia, page 5

chapter.

# Europeans? or merely victims of geography?

While he has no hesitation about saying he feels Euro-pean, and has no wish to see the EU disbanded, he is quite

clear that the process of integration has gone too far. Member states should, he

believes, have greater respon-sibility and flexibility in man-

aging their own affairs with-out Europe level intervention. "My impression of the EU

now is of an overlarge body that is really finding it diffi-cult to manage its affairs to

the satisfaction of its constitu-

ents," he says.
"I can only see that getting

worse as we embrace the countries of eastern Europe.

"The original purpose seems to have been lost with

the move from a common

market to a wider political forum." — Geoffrey Gibbs.

Chedli Kharroubi

Chedli Kharroubi, aged 39,

MR KHARROUBI fears Euro-

pean integration could result

being eroded if France aban-dons its historic ties with for-

mer colonies.
"I feel European — not

thanks to any institution but

because this country is so mixed," he says.

Council of Ministers increas-

ingly being able to rule over national parliaments. — Alex Duval Smith, Paris.

is a Tunisian greengrocer



Ciaudia Troilo

Claudia Trollo is a 25-year-old student from Rome

MS TROLLO is enthusiastic about the EU, but disappointed with the way it is

working out. "I certainly feel myself to be a European," she says, "but in Italy, the EU is seen as being distant from ordinary people. We are not given enough encouragement or assistance to travel or learn European languages

Did she mind that the Counell of Ministers could become increasingly powerful? "It's got to be better than the gov-criments we've had," she jokes. — John Hooper, Rome.

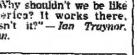
Fritz Waller

Pritz Waller is a lorry-driver aged 50 from Beliel, across the Rhine from Bonn

MR WALLER does not share most Germans' fear of giving up the mark for the the euro. have a common currency. Why not? It will make things simpler. We should at least try it and see what happens. Probably it will be fine."

Perhaps because his profes-ion regularly takes him outside Germany, and perhaps also because Rhinelanders are reputedly more interna-tionalist than the average German, he is also a firm sup-porter of Chancellor Kohl's federalist vision for Europe. He can foresee a United states of Europe.

"Why shouldn't we be like America? It works there, dresn't it?" - Ian Traynor,





Dimitri Dimitriades

Dimitri Dimitriades is a 74year-old Athens merchant



Fred Harper

Fred Harper is dean of the faculty of Agriculture, Food and Land Use at the University of Plymouth

MR DIMITRIADES says be feels very European and is all for the union.

"I love the idea of moving around Europe freely, with-out having to bother about visas, but for us Greeks, the greatest disadavantage is the austerity measures we have had to endure to keep up with our partners."
"I'm not sure if I'd like the

Council of Ministers to have a bigger role in local decision-making simply because I don't know what the results would be. But it would be very good to have a president of Europe and, as a trader, I think a single currency will be one of the best things about the EU. "I'm all for a Euro-army as well, especially if it helps us out here on the edge of MR HARPER is firmly in the Europe." — Helena Smith,

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# **Euro-cash for cows**

Major could extract a deal to unite his party

Europe, then he would be preparing to turn the apparently insoluble BSE crisis into a triumph at the European Union summit in Turin this weekend.

Of course there is no logical connection. between mad cows and the first session of the inter-governmental conference. But summits are not about logic. They are about deals - high-level, multidimensional deals which can affect a

nation's destiny.

Mr Major is faced with a health scare plain as day, but leadership and finesse are needed to capitalise on it.

As far as the beef issue is concerned, the Prime Minister should be focusing on two key questions: how many cows have to be destroyed to satisfy consumbeef is safe? And how large a proportion of the cost can be contributed by Brussels? Mr Major responded furiously to the European Commission's announcement on Monday proposing a world-wide ban on UK beef exports. But Brit-ish BSE poses a political problem around Europe and other governments would have been on a hiding to nothing domestically if they had not backed the Commission, ministers should have been closeted with Jacques Santer ask-

OUT of adversity can sometimes come was spelled out clearly enough yester-strength. If John Major has a true feel day by Mr Santer's spokesman. There for the way political business is done in were no hard and fast rules, he said, but Of course there is no logical connection for the British beef industry, but as sure as eggs is salmonella-reduced eggs it would be better than he could achieve

going it alone.

The deal would probably be better today than at the start of the week. If the EU leaders overreacted for political Mr Major is faced with a health scare threatening to incinerate not just the carcass of the beef industry but the economic recovery along with it. He also has to handle an IGC which could split his party. The political connection between these problems should be as into paying for the sanitisation of British hands their aggregations and the sanitism of British hands their aggregations are sanitisments. ish herds, their agricultural colleagues will be remarkably supportive of the

agreed common line.

In EU diplomacy everything is always linked. Every benefit has a price. To save the British beef industry and ers at home and abroad that British the British economy, Mr Major will have to go further than he otherwise would have done at Turin to accept the inevitability of EU institutional reform. How far is anybody's guess. The question is whether he has the finessing skill to do it. Does he realise that concessions which might split his party at a later date could smell sweeter when he is waving a fat Eurocheque on his return from Turin? How many cows graze in constituencies with Euroscepban. Instead of arguing the legal toss, the Government should be seeking a solution. Instead of bleating about the still thinks he can win the next general election and therefore cannot for ever cop out of decisions about the future ing his help to broker a solution.

In spite of the diplomatic whinge offensive, the opportunity for a deal steer back to the heart.

# The real bandits in Chechenia

Yeltsin cares only about Russian unity, nothing for the people

Red Cross workers have been threatened with violence. Yesterday there and a new offensive began to drive separatist fighters out of Grozny, military sources in Moscow spoke of "partial withdrawal". The defence minister claimed that the president would announce his new plan to end the conflict next weekend. Mr Yeltsin had already hinted at a secret peace plan a month ago - before he authorised (or at least allowed) the Russian forces to run wild. Any proposal now should be treated with extreme scepticism, the more so since the same military sources say that the interior ministry's troops responsible for the worst indiscipline and excesses in the past — plus two military brigades will remain in Chechenia permanently.

The President and his advisers have sought to disarm criticism by protesting that the Chechenia situation is a crisis not of their making and that it defies simple solution. Mr Yeltsin has described everyone else's peace proposals as "extremely abstract". While saying that he must end the war in

IS THE big plan for Chechenia to be order to win re-election in June, he peace or war? Boris Yeltsin talks of dismisses the demands of others to end withdrawal, but the last few weeks have seen a ferocious offensive by his troops in which thousands of civilians and refugees have been trapped, and even trapped, and even trapped and even the second of the federal forces, he claims, would leave the civilian population of Chechenia at the mercy of "bandits" who will then indulge in "blatant terrorism" in order to stay in was more inconsistency between word | power. This is self-delusion. When Rusand deed: while villages were shelled | sian forces pound civilians with guns, rocket launchers and helicopter gunships, who are the real bandits? A new OSCE report gives details of robbery. looting and arson by Russian soldiers, and the targeting of centres of population without justification. In effect, large numbers of the Chechen population have been deemed hostile because guerrillas can be found in their midst: the parallels with US barbarism and self-delusion in the Vietnam war be-

come ever more obvious. Mr Yeltsin's alleged concern for the ordinary people of Chechenia is hardly the real issue. He and his officials have made it clear that what is really at stake is the indivisibility of Russia and his pride. Gen Dudayev, the separatist leader, is not an attractive figure but most Chechens now would prefer him to marauding Russian troops. The federation will not be maintained by force. And in their apparent preference for Boris as the next president, Western governments must not turn a blind eye to the horrors of his war.

# Sense and sentimentality

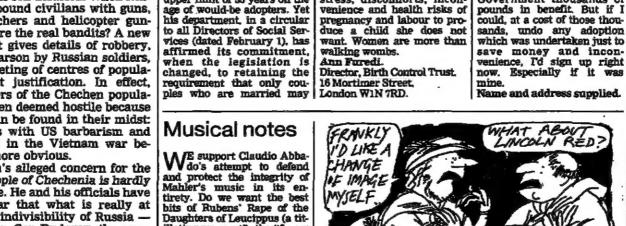
With thanks to Henry, Cassandra and above all. Emma

SIRS, please forgive me - I am agi- | and advised me that an acceptance tated, nay, I am more than agitated, I am astonished beyond expression, my thoughts are in tumult. Pray do not my work is magnified by the fact that think me uncivil if my feelings exceed my fluency of expression. For have I not longed, these 200 years, to procure your affection and regard? Yet I could not, in rational expectation, hope to receive any commendation of so fine a nature. I scarce know how to support myself, nor this handsome firedog. How can it be possible that I, who live in a small retired village in the country. could provide such a lively and intelligent company as yourselves with novelty and amusement? How can my poor work compare with the great schemes of Mr Tarantino? I fear that generosity has tempered your discernment. As I once wrote to my dear nephew, Hollywood's medium is the great one of Celluloid; mine is a little bit (two inches wide!), of Ivory, on which I work with holed again", or would it be, "Huge spot so fine a brush, as produces little effect | has appeared on chin'? No, I imagine

after much labour! higher grounds of Sunset Boulevard I ovulated!" Forgive me for taking up so enjoyed a tete-a-tete with Mr Hugh much of your time, and accept my best Grant. He had lost none of his civility, wishes for your health and happiness.

speech should take notice of some unfortunate affair of the day. If this be so: the streets of heaven are too crowded with spinsters. They number a thousand for each one of the red ribbons we wear here tonight.

It cannot be proper, nay, it cannot be kind, further to test your patience with my emotions, but I must not retire before expressing my gratitude to my dear brother and agent, Henry Austen, and my sweet Cassandra, dearest and kindest of sisters. Above all, let us remember Miss Emma Thompson. Is she not an angel? Before I quit England, I visited her shrine in the Groucho Club. As I knelt in prayer, I presumed to conjecture her feelings on this most happy day. Would she exclaim, with that violence of expression which habitually followed a night of excess, "Arsethis great occasion would inspire her Last evening, as I walked in the most affecting ejaculation: "Tve just



bits of Rubens' Rape of the Daughters of Leucippus (a tit-illating prospect!), the "funny bits" from War And Peace and a Singalong With the Best Bits of John Cage? Alan Far-rar (Letters, March 25), who writes of "he who pays the piper" calling the tune, exhib-its a very confused attitude towards creativity and patronage. Artists do not manufacture to demand; anyone seriously imagining that Mahler, Bach or Mozart actu-ally composed their "best bits" and were then required to pad out the rest must reassess their own musical knowl-edge and integrity. If Mr Far-rar had any idea of the true values that Mr Abbado repre-sents in his life of first-class achievement in conducting, let alone the creations of the composers he makes avail-able through his art, he would not presume to put a pipe to his mouth. Mark Coote and Mary Moss. The Claim, Gallowsclough Lane, Norley, Cheshire WA6 8LH.

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mothers, March 25). The fact

that a woman is single when she becomes pregnant should not be taken as an indication

either that her pregnancy is unwanted, or that she is less

able to provide a caring home for her child. A third of births

now take place outside mar-riage, ie to "single" women, although half of these are to

couples living together and three-quarters are registered

by both parents.

Twenty years ago the social stigma attached to birth outside marriage would have made it generally impossible for a woman to consider keeping her child. That women's contions are stiden in graphy.

options are wider is surely a

sign of progress. It can only be deeply retrograde to put

pressure on women to opt for adoption purely because of their marital status.

Karin Pappenheim. Director, National Council for

OR John Bowis, political correctness manifests it-self in policies of adoption

agencies which place an

One Parent Families, 255 Kentish Town Road,

Letters to the Editor

that the upper age limit on adopters is not a piece of po-litical correctness dreamed

up by adoption agencies. A requirement of Article 7.1 of

the same European Conven-tion is offered as the justifica-

tion for retaining the mar-riage requirement for those who wish to adopt as a couple.

This is only one example of the way that adoption continues to serve the interests not of children and their families but the imperatives of government of the continues to the continues to the continues of the

ment policy on the family.

Adoption is assured a future, if only because it remains the simplest expedient for the transfer of the cost for the care of children from the public to the private nurse.

lic to the private purse.
(Dr) Murray Ryburn.

University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT.

EALTH Minister John Bowis's suggestion that the Government should pro-

mote adoption as "an accept-able and valid alternative to abortion" is ludicrous. He

needs to consider why a wom-an should suspend her own self-interest and endure the stress, discomforts, incon-

venience and health risks of

ES, of course the record I companies are cashing in with their compilation CDs. But I remember, when early LPs cost near the equivalent of today's £40, how grateful I was for the opportunity to ex-tend my familiarity with good music through "samplers". These laid the foundations for years of enfoyment of concerts and a large collection of recorded music that, 40 years on, continues to give immense satisfaction.

28 Copse Edge, Cranleigh, Surrey. Please include a full postal address, even on e-mailed letters, and a telephone number. We may edit letters: shorter ones are more likely to appear. We regret we cannot knowledge those not used.

(Prof) John M Smith.

WHAT ABOUT LINCOLN RED?

# It's time Robin put the Boots in

DEFORE your leader gant applications of corporate (March 28) championed muscle. Hood as a brand image, the highest-profile support offered to Nottingham's "most illustrious citizen" came --ironically — from the city's present sheriff. But it is wrong to assume that Not-tingham as a whole is cooling towards its legendary outlaw.
The calling in of image-makers to develop a new brand mark for Nottinghamshire is a response to pressure exerted by Boots and the city's two universities. Perhaps the people of Notting-hamshire need a Robin Hood figure more than ever, if only

Andrew Hedgecock. 9 Hood Street. Sherwood, Nottingham NG5 4DF.

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NORMAL!

STEADY AS SHE GOES

church-run adoption agency, despite the fact that it has all

was a closed adoption, and the agency is intent on keep-ing things that way.

At no point were my adop-tive parents told that I might

want to know who my birth parents are, who it is I look like, whether there are any

hereditary diseases waiting

for me around the corner. As

a child I was encouraged ex-

plicitly to renounce any such

interest, and did so, because

it was what my adoptive mother wanted to hear. De-

spite this I get on well with both of my adoptive parents. But if the 1977 Adoption Act

has all but wiped out adoption then it's a good law. The Gov-ernment wants to change

adoption law? It can start by giving me my records. Then it

can start undoing some of the damage caused by adoption law prior to 1977. Birth parents should opt out of search procedures if they

wish, not have to opt in. The

shouldn't cost birth parents

to join. We can encourage adop-

pounds in benefit. But if I

OTTINGHAM never was the home of Robin Hood. better claimed by Mansfield and Worksop, which were within Sherwood Forest. The city was, in fact, the home of Robin's villainous enemy the sheriff — a truly medieval Thatcherite. Boots could hardly want a more appropri Fred Westacott. 14 Avenue Road, Chesterfield.

to protect us from such arro- Derbyshire S41 8TA

# Something we should aim for

has its own rifle range. It's in-teresting that France's equivalent, the Elysée Palace, abolished its shooting-gallery annexe under François Mitter-and. His wife replaced it with an altogether more useful institution — the Elysée Crèche. Gilly Sweet. 25 Nursery Close, Shoreham-by-Sea

THE item about Tewkesbury schoolgirls being allowed to wear trousers (Society cover, March 20) is cheering. The ban on trousers for girls is out of date and sexist, and London N165JP.

West Sussex BN43 6GJ.

DURING the current gun-law debate, many people have been shocked to learn that the House of Commons gurier thousands of girls have arrived at school cold and miserable because they have had to wear skirts while boys have been warm in trousers. Polly Bird. 1 Downswood Court, Abbots Park, Chester CH1 4BF.

> WAS it by chance or design that you printed "Blair renews pledge on freedom of information" cheek by jowl with Labour MP carpeted over speech to Sinn Fein'" (Home news, March 26)? Or won't you say? Alan Paterson 64 Cranwich Road,

# Abort this idea, Minister Further servings of bovine material to tempt your appetite

T IS helpful that John Gray ble. But they are as secretive puts BSE in the context of as government itself.

They are accountable to human security, such as the Chernobyl disaster (Nature fights back, March 26).

HE notion that single adopt. The circular states that this is "in line with Article 6.1 of the European Convention on the Adoption of Children".

WAS born in London to a single mother, and adopted (Letters, March 25 and 26). I am unable to get any information to birth outside marriage (Adoption law aims at single that the unrear age limit on the parents from my church and his department is the fact. Researchers and risk asses sors now rank alongside the military as defenders of the information I need. Mine human security. And tradi-tional security decisions are based on whether a threat is. as Gray says, significant rather than just on statistical probability.
The truth, like a jigsaw plo-

ture, comes not from counting the pieces but from placing them one at a time in the cor rect place. Our new-age proph-ets are those who can see the picture before the puzzle is completed. But their efforts will mean little for human sewill mean intile for ruman se-curity while governments put profits before prophets. (Dr) Christopher Williams. Global Security Programme. University of Cambridge. Botolph House, Botolph Lane,

As A hospital consultant and a ward sister turned farmers, we wish to point out that, on current figures, the

risk of getting CJD from beef or lamb is: national contact register Around 40 times less than the risk of dying in childbirth;
 Around 500 times less than tion, and it might save the the ennual risk of dying in a Government thousands of road accident ● 3,000 to 8,000 times less than

the chance of dying of breast cancer if you are a woman, depending on whether you smoke, are overweight and so

 Several hundred times less than the chances of dying of the appropriate time. But multiple sclerosis. multiple sclerosis.

You've got to eat brain, spinal cord or intestine from an affected animal before there is any significant risk. The thing that causes both CJD and BSE, called a prion, is an abnormal form of the one that normal people and higher animals have. It is only made in brain, spinal cord and intestines. And it isn't in actual meat as far as anyone knows. Names and address supplied.

MAY I suggest a recasting of the way in which IVI of the way in which specialist advisory committees, like Seac (the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee), operate as a near-invisible layer of government (Leader, March 25)?

Advisory quangos — on the safety of medicines, hazardous substances, radiation in the environment, toxic chemicals in food and consumer products, etc — sit in professional judgment on a whole range of issues which, like BSE, touch on people's lives where they are most vulnera-

civil servants and ministers, not to the public, and their findings are — as the BSE saga has shown time and time again — vulnerable to political manipulation. It is time for the key specialist advisory quangos to be reclassified as tribunals; to be made inde-pendent of government, and to be made subject to explicit rules of openness and process Stuart Weir.

Democratic Audit, University of Essex, Colchester CO4 3SQ.

My mother, Tikvah Alper.
Mas director of the Medical
Research Council's Experimental Radiopathology
Research Laboratory, was the
first to hypothesise that the
scrapie agent contained no
DNA She based this primarily on three experimental
results: the scrapie agent was
extremely resistant to radiation by comparison with tion by comparison with DNA; the size of the "target" presented by the scrapic agent was smaller by an order of magnitude than any known virus; and the scrapie agent was not inactivated by ultra-violet light of a wavelength absorbed by DNA. Her (then controversial) view is now althat the scrapic contains DNA, he should present his evidence to show this.

The Government should be condemned for its over-opti-mism about BSE and for failing to take effective action at only if it is based on good science Michael Sterne.

67 Netheravon Road, London W4 2NB.

THE SEAC opinion that children and adults are equally susceptible to BSE-contaminated meat misses the point. The prospect of my young children contracting CJD in 10 years' time aged 15 is a far more appalling prospect than that of me contracting it aged 52. The Government should immediately eliminate all animals aged six and over from the human and (Dr) Jonathan D G Jones. 19 Waverley Road, Norwich NR4 6SG.

CAN we assume that life-insurance companies will now want information about 299 Westbourne Park Road.

Shelley took it for, sings with

# A Country Diary

THE WREKIN: What's vernal about this equinox? A mizzle (misty sheets of drizzle) set-tles across muddy fields where show flattened and matted the grass. The sur-rounding landscape, blotted out by mist, echoes with the sound of crushing metal from a scrapyard across the tracks from rows of new unsold cars awaiting the same inevitable fate. A little spark of irony on spring rebirth perhaps — but doused by the air's wet blanket and the rolling drone of traffic. Under a row of railway poplars — their upswept knobbly skeletons scratching against the sky — is the remains of a pond, filled with concrete blocks where the sweet green leaves of nettles slowly thicken. Tribes of finches and fieldfares — these fields must fare pretty grimly for them just now — flutter in sine-waves and vanish. Suddenly a skylark, invisible in the mist, ignites along above the bloodless earth like a firework. The "blithe spirit"

harmonious madness song of rebellion; a triumph over greyness and the cloying mud of apathy, flung with insane clarity against a world loaded down with its own misfortunes. Taking their one from the lark, everything that chirps, chirrups and twitters joins in an irrepressible chorus. Well might Shelley have asked, "What love of thine own kind? What ignorance of pain?" as the lark and other birds fire their songs into a world that cares so little for them. So many skylarks and birds of agricultural landscapes have been wiped out in recent years. But this is a moment when pagan celebrations of spring find purchase in nature: a moment which pierces the dull ar-mour that encloses and protects us from wild voices. If we could only let nature represent itself, then, as Shelley said, "The world should listen then, as I am listening now."

of State for Health. Dozy Dorrell, the hermit of Heri-tage, has suddenly emerged

as Dynamo Dorrell, the su

perhero who races from studio to studio faster than

a speeding bullet, reassur-ing us that beef is the very

elixir of life (or, in the cur-rent mantra, safe in every



### A mad way to run Diary Matthew Norman a country F there is one positive thing to come out of the BSE crists, it is the trans formation of the Secretary

# Commentary

# Will Hutton

known usage of the word). To gauge how effective he has been, let us glance at Whitehall. A civil servant called yesterday lunchtime to report a recen trip to the canteen. Steak-and-kidney pudding had suddenly vanished from the menu, he said, and was S AN exercise in ham-fisted, second-rate replaced by a dish called
"Corned Beef Hash (Argentinian)". And even as he
stood in the queue, a sign
reading "liver and bacon" government the events of the last week take some beating. Ministers have lost control of a potentially containable situation with disastrous results. The vas removed, amended by felt tip, and swiftly reasons they have lost control replaced. "Liver (lamb's) and bacon", it now anbetray the deep-seated struc-tural malfunctions of British government that now urgently require to be addressed.

There are well-advertised excuses. Technology and science, it is said, are breaknounced. If the Health Secretary wants to issue a personal reminder that beef is safe, he may not need the ministerial Rover. The can teen in question belongs to the Ministry of Health. ing such terrifyingly unpre-dictable ground that it is silly

to hold ministers to accoun EANWHILE, in betfor developments whose mater news for the Dy-namo, the Meat and Livestock Commission has levolent by-products were not anticipated at the time decisions were taken. There are new levels of risk with which we simply have to live. Nor is awarded its vastly coveted oublic-relations account to Britain alone in suffering the depradations of poor regula-Sir Tim Bell. Lowe Bell won the contract last Monday, two days before mad cow tion and venal producer interterror was ignited. Despite the splendid timing, MD Stephen Sherbourne is reticent. "As a matter of pol-icy." he said, "we have a very strict code about talking to the media." Ah yes, of course. Mr Sherbourne Guilty then rang back to admit that Lowe Bell has the account, and to refuse to say anything at all on the record. Perhaps he is preserving his strength for the battle ahead. We wish him and Sir who still

IRST the end of Take
That, and now another seismic blow to the morale of the female population. The Eton-and Bal-liol-educated playboy Andrew Neil — "the think-ing woman's Dai Llewellyn", as he now styles himself — is still not ready to settle down. "Getting married and having children requires a high degree of commitment," writes the Voice of Controversy in his sparkling Daily Mail column. "It is not a commit-ment I have yet felt able to enter with high hopes of success." Of course there's no hurry - he's still only 46 — but wouldn't it be won-derful if he did meet the right girl? If you think you might be the one, write to Andrew care of the Diary attaching a recent picture
—and, in moderately strict confidence, I will pass it on.

FTER all the sackings, last week was a quieter one for fey Glaswegian Charlie Wilson acting editor of "the Independent". Perhaps to cele-brate this, on Friday he received a visit from fellow Mirror Group executive Kelvin McKenzie. As to what they discussed, it would be futile to guess; but as he left Gentleman Charlie's office, Kelvin cast a glance over the newsroom, and muttered: "Still f\*\*\*ing swarms of them . . . "

HE fog enshrouding Terry Major-Ball's Australian trip next month begins to lift. Terry has said nothing. I must stress, but other sources reveal that he is to visit the Melbourne flower show in the capacity of "visiting celebrity". Also among the party will be the writer James Hughes Onslow, and two Chelsea Pensioners (it seems McIbourne wishes to emulate the famous flower show in west London). Terry's attendance is the idea of Australian cultural attaché Rebecca Hossack. As be fits a visiting celebrity, all his expenses — not least, the journey with Qantas. the airline with the world's finest safety record — will be met by the government

HERE is more sad news from the bankruptcy-notices page of the London Evening Standar. Soon to make that melancholy journey to Carey Street, it seems, is Mary Bartlett of Bromley in Kent. According to the notice, Miss Bartlett is a financial



vent lethally infected olive oil | governors and governed when from entering the food chain show that BSE is but another example of a general trend. Yet while both arguments have force, neither counters the case for constitutional reform; rather they reinforce it. Increased danger is an oc-

casion to strengthen civil society's defences rather than do nothing. From the earliest moments in 1980 when ministers decided to take minimal action to inhibit the spread of BSE while keeping the quality of their advice secret, to the unwillingness last week even to pre-notify the European Commission of developments. we have watched Britain's discretionary, secretive system of executive government at work. Or rather not at work. The residual informal checks and balances in the system — the doctrine of ministerial responsibility, the role of the Civil Service as an Independent custodian of the pub-lic interest and even the tradition of MPs having an obligation to Parliament that transcended party interest have all been gradually whit-tled away since the middle of the century. What is left is the brutal exercise of executive power legitimised by quinquennial first-past-the-post elections and the shrinking

the nature of legislative and executive decisions is becoming more complex.

Yet what makes the constitutional arrangements espe-cially menacing are their current ideological marriage with a corrupted view of free-market economics. The best free marketeers are as suspicious of the way beef producers and British agriculture gain such privileged treatment from the Ministry of Agriculture as any liberal. Competition should rule and subsidies be reduced. Yet in the eyes of ministers the promotion of "market forces" has become coterminous with the simple promo-tion of British business's interests as British business defines them. Regulation is "burdensome" only if it obstructs a vested business interest from doing what it wants. Opposition to monopoly does not extend to more aggressive policing of take-overs even if they reduce competition. Government inter-vention is bad unless it can coost private profits.

The awesome power of the British state has thus been deployed to service vested and partisan interests — whether it be allowing regional electricity companies to be snapped up in takeovers, or of ests. The way the French now rather dog-sared grace of fering sweeteners of billions allowed Aids-infected blood to be used unchecked for years or the Spanish falled to pre-

phenomenon.
Indeed the treatment of Britain's cattle herds over the last 45 years accurately reflects the state's decline into a chronic reluctance to protect the public interest, especially if it involves regulation or public expenditure. The aggressive and rapid responses to the outbreaks of foot and mouth disease in 1967/68 and 1981, even though the disease was not communicable to human beings, stand in sorry contrast to the tale of prevari-

cation and unwillingness to

act of the last 10 years. In 1967 alone 211,825 cattle were slaughtered with compensation at today's prices of some £350 million, while the record of the debates in the Commons of the much more limited outbreak in 1981 reveals a Conservative Party that still believed in public purpose, regulation and the common interest. Fifteen years of new-right demagogu-ery and those instincts have been debauched and corroded. Douglas Hogg, arguing in cab-inet earlier this week for the slaughter of cattle over 30 months old, would have had more allies in 1981; now he has to rely on the clamour outside, extending yesterday to the National Farmers Union, to make a case that should have had more general minis-

ET while ministers, as in the Scott inquiry, can protest that every decision in the long catalogue of errors was in itself defensible, each is framed by the same weakness: scientific research hamstrung by government cuts; regulation inhibited by lack of manpower to verify that rules were being obeyed. And over the past few weeks a now demoralised Civil Service, whose public-service ethic has declined, apparently less capable of

ducers is the same | forging a proper line - and persuading ministers to adhere to it. Executive discretion, pac-

Lord Acton, absolutely corrupts those who come into contact with it. A British government jealous of its sover eignty and terrified of its Eurosceptical backbenchers was never likely to notify the European Commission of its intentions. Britain now confronts a worldwide ban on its beef exports, while it finds it-self negotiating for potential compensation for any cattle slaughter from the EU - having maximised hostility to its position. This is diplomatic inalmost matching its handling

The British executive branch of government requires more active scrutiny of its decisions by a legislature that is not in thrall to it; that can only come from an elected second chamber. There must be a Freedom of Information Act so that officials know that their advice will be publicly scrutinised. The intermediate agencies of the state — whether they are the Health and Safety Execu-tive, scientific advisory boards or regulatory agenci need to be properly funded and independent rather than poverty-stricken ciphers of central government

Constitutional reform is meant to be the concern of only the metropolitan chatter ing classes. It is not a doorstep issue, it is said. Conservative politicians rage that it will lead to ruin. Not so. Rather it is the way Britain is governed that is leading to ruin — and for some of our fellow citizens the agonising experience of living through their own physical collapse. The case for reform is proven. What is required is politicians with the nerve and commitment to sell it — and then execute the

Rabin's plans to dismantle West Bank army bases, and issued halachic rulings out-lawing the evacuation of West Bank Jewish settlements, have convened no such gatherings since the killing to raise their collective voices against political assassina-tion to underline the sanctity of Jewish life. Most disturb-ingly, they have not banded together to protest against Amir's co-option of God as his partner-in-crime; their silence seems to indicate some kind of tacit assent, and that silence is itself a crime against the true values of

The one leading Israeli rabbi who did have the courage to castigate his colleagues and to urge them to reconsidto Rabin's policies, Yoel Bin-Nun, has been denounced by other sages, received death being escorted by bodyguards because of fears for his life. Yet several other rabbis brought in for questioning by police on suspicion of having implicitly or explicitly en-couraged the killing of Rabin have issued only the mildest murmurings of apology, and have been demonstratively supported by their rabbinical

When Amir set out to shoot Rabin on that November Saturday night, he was well aware that, if he found his target and survived the evening, he would eventually be secular Israeli law, and that he would go to jail for life. Yet his primary allegiance was not to the democratic state. but to a wickedly perverted mation in Jewish texts that Rabin should indeed be put to death, and eventually openly discussing with fellow stuing, support even, among many of the purported guard-ians of Jewish law, Israel's Orthodox rabbis. Those ac-complices have yet to be brought to justice.

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Bible might merit the death penalty under the provisions of halachah (Jewish religious law). In a letter they sent out to 40 fellow sages early in 1995, a trio of prominent Orthodox rabbis wondered: Would it not be appropriate to warn the prime minister and other ministers that if they continue to turn the residents of Judea and Samaria [the West Bank] and Gaza over to the rule of murderers according to Jewish law it will be necessary to put them

In the heated aftermath of the killing last November 4, Rabin's widow, Leah, rightly pointed a finger of blame at promised to the Jews in the was a student at the kote!

(full-time Jewish study centre) at Tel Aviv's Bar Ilan University, lapping up this kind of debate, seeking confirdeath, and eventually openly
discussing with fellow students the religious obligation
to carry out the killing.
On the night of the assassi-

nation, and in the months of his trial, Amir has consistently invoked Jewish reli-gious teachings to justify his actions, even saying, when asked about accomplices, that his only real partner was God. Yet the very rabbis who, in the course of 1995, held

# Sir Robert Peel keeps an eye on the contest



home secretary, sits at a table in Wilnecote School flanked by the headmaster and a senior policeman, in a room full of people most of whom are not listen and abating what schools ing, debating what schools should do to steer children away from drugs. It's a sensible discussion, but it's clear that it wouldn't be happening were it not for the TV cam-eras which will carry it this lunchtime and evening into the homes of South East Staffordshire, which goes to the polls after Easter to elect a

Lightbown. Later, Home Secretary Michael Howard is having his photograph taken in front of the statue of Tamworth's most famous citizen. Sir Rob ert Peel. Soon he's gladhanding his way through the shop-pers of the new and apparently thriving Anker-side Centre, invading Fresha Fruits and the clock and watch shop, though not, I notice, the butcher's. Within a few hours these scenes will be brought to the people of South East Staffs by regional television. That, nowadays, is what by election campaigning is all about. The old system, where the visiting statesman stayed for an evening meeting, collapsed long ago. Even the traditional morning press conference is falling into

The Torles in Tamworth aren't bothering, knowing all you get from this art form is ournalists trying to trip ministers up to get headlines fea-turing blunders. Labour can-celled theirs on Monday because Straw's train was late, but without any apparent regret; what they tend to get is reporters from Tory tabloids trying to embarrass the candidate, à la Peter

**MAMWORTH** is roughly three quarters of South East Staffs. To the north is agricultural country where producers as well as consumers. The south-west corner is spiritually Sutton Coldfield. hig houses and Birmingham ing off the infinitely weary A5, Tamworth itself is now all fast roads and motorway ac-cess and industrial development — though Reliant, whose spunky three-wheelers once helped to put the place on the map, succumbed to the recent recession. The popula-tion here has tripled since the start of the 50s, and nearly a

quarter are under 16, so Tam-

worth traditions have less of a hold than they did. "It's up at the top of Market Street," says a woman directing me to Labour headquarters, "just beyond the John Peel statue." But you can't escape Sir Robert. The politicians keep dragging him into the argument. How proud he would be, the Tories burble, of the way we are cutting crime! What on earth would he make. Labour grumble, this man who elevated national cohesion above party contention, of the way the Tories have divided the nation over

the past 17 years? Tamworth spent most of the 19th century sending Peels to Parliament. Not just Sir Robert, but his brother William; his son, also Sir Robert; and their Lancashire relative John. Drayton Manor, the home of the Peels, no longer home of the Peels, no longer exists; the grounds are a family theme park. "His main principle," wrote a biographer, "was that on entry into power he ceased to represent a party, because he represented a people." There's more than a hint of Tony Blair about that.

N THE centre of town, Labour are inescapable. Their headquarters are there, and nearly all the posters are theirs. The Tories have pitched their camp on an industrial estate on the Lichfield Road. Their posters are mostly in fields, to be read by passing motorists and perhaps very soon to illuminate the final hours of doomed cows. The Lib Dems have a little office in Gungate, near the mighty St Editha's church and the Globe public house. Best placed of all, in an eyecatching shop on the corner of George Street, are the UK

Independence Party.
They are fielding Andrew Smith, who at 21 was a member of the executive of Dr Owen's continuing SDP and today, at 28, is leader of a three-strong Independent group which has turfed the Tories out of the Stonydelph ward on the east side of town. His local affiliations could usefully boost him above the usual meagre UKIP share of the vote. Doesn't he find it curious that a former SDP activist should be working now for the forces of Dr Sked? Not at all. He was never wonderfully happy, he says, with SDP Euro-enthusiasm, And in any case, why after Margaret parage U-turns?
As a notable English states

man, who famously changed his own tune on Catholic emancipation, parliamentary reform and free trade, once wrote: "Nothing could be more churlish than the un-bounded confidence which some have in their own infallibility and in the outcry they raise against any change by others of an opinion once ex-

piece is written in Tamworth, need you ask?

Who was it? Since this

# Come the revolution

Peter Mandelson and Roger Liddle reply to criticisms of their book which seeks to clarify New Labour's ambitions

go free

David Horovitz argues that

although Yitzhak Rabin's killer

acted alone on the night, many

of Israel's Orthodox rabbis also

ODAY, a four-and-a- members of the mainstream half month ordeal Israeli opposition parties, and

ritzhak Rabin, will helped prompt the killing. When rightwing Israeli radicals chanted "Rabin is a traitor" and "Rabin is a traitor" at Likud rallies, and traitor. The

psychiatric instability and the thin black circles of a rifle

Israeli opposition parties, and especially the leader of the Likud, Benjamin Netanyahu,

for fomenting the atmosphere of vitriolic extremism that

bin's features overlaid with

target, Netanyahu went right on addressing the crowds —

argning mildly with some of the rabble, it is true, but not

leaving the stage in protest, not explicity denouncing the blatant incitement to murder.

But far greater blame surely attaches to the many

members of the mainstream

Israeli rabbinical leadership, straeti ranninical leacership, who for months prior to the assassination had been ear-nestly questioning the "Jew-ishness" of Rabin's land-for-

peace policies, and soliciting the learned opinions of their

colleagues around the world as to whether, purely theoret-

have his blood on their hands

will come to an end for Israel. The trial

of Yigal Amir, confessed assassin of prime min-

reach its conclusion in the Tel Aviv District Court with

an inevitable conviction for premeditated murder. The

three-judge panel will dismiss desperate defence claims of

brush away pleas for a reduced conviction for man-

slaughter, and the smiling killer will be carted off to a

solitary jail cell, to await the

formal handing down of a

mandatory life sentence.
While the sight of this arrogant, remorseless 25-year-old receiving his due punishment

will be some comfort to Israe-lis still deeply mourning

Rabin, it has become sadly obvious that others who

share at least some blame for

the assassination are escap-ing justice, indeed are failing

even to acknowledge any

complicity in the crime.

In the heated aftermath of

Blair Revolution deserve an answer. One is that we failed to resolve a central tension in New Labour --how can we offer voters ressurance and at the same time claim to be radical? Secondly, that amid all our incremental proposals, there is no coherent vision that knits together the

The policies we espouse are carefully constructed -but that is because of our conviction that lasting change can only be built on consensus. There is little point in a one-term government pushing ahead with hurried radical change that does not command genuine majority support - only to see the Conservatives return and undo it all.

MID all the political politics and creating a posturing, two critibroad consensus for lasting posturing, two criti-cisms of our book The change. This espousal of the new politics offers the chance to reunite the left and centre so that we can achieve stability of direc-tion for a programme of long-term transformation of our country. That is how New Labour combines both realism and vision. The overarching vision is

of a stakeholder society. This is not primarily about companies and how they are run. It's about giving every individual a stake in society. That is why the book emphasises measures to eradicate long-term unemployment, create opportunity in education and training and tackle the problems of "excluded" young people.

Some of the rhetoric surrounding stakeholderism is

of our book for Prospect sweepingly proclaimed that "a centre-left strategy wor-thy of the name must challenge the operation of Brit-ish market capitalism in its present form". We were ticked off, in pseudo-Marx-ist language, that our book "lacks a clear political econ-omy of contemporary capitals." Clearly there is a need for

more precision all round about what we mean by stakeholderism in business and how we intend to promote that ethos. In our view, firms which show commitment to employees adopt an egalitarian and open style of management, build long-term relation-ships with suppliers and customers, and are actively involved in their local communities will deliver higher profits and create more, bet-ter jobs. Government can and should do all it can to promote such responsi-bility. However, business reponsibility to stakeholders must never become an excuse for cosiness at the Our emphasis on constitu-tional and political reform instance, Will Hutton's competition, which the gov-is about rebuilding trust in otherwise generous review ernment should promote.

company is kept on its toes. But responsibility to stakeholders does not mean accountability to them. It is not practical or desirable for company boards to be composed in order to repre sent different stakeholder interests or follow the German two-tier supervisory model. Boards should be accountable to shareholders: only shareholders can replace the management or sell their shares to someone

else who will. Cultural change is needed in the relationship between boards and shareholders. At present, boards do feel to pursue short-term returns at the expense of their business's long-term organic development. But if management's strategic ment is artificially judgment is right, such myopia cannot be in the real interests of the company's owners — the pension funds and institutional investors. The solution is not heavyhanded legislation — but to make institutional investors more effective custodians of the enormous economic power they yield. We also need more effective mechanisms for replacing

bad management before it

must ensure the stakeholder | These reforms should not be seen as a high-profile cam-paign against the City of London. The problem of short-termism in the UK owes far more to our chronic failures of economic management which the Conservatives have exacerbated. One area for de-bate is whether the ease of mergers and takeovers under existing UK competition rules has artificially boosted the corporate-finance sector in the City and created a fee-driven vested interest which is undesirably distorting business priorities. Public policy could seek to correct that bias by re-balancing the rules of the takeover process. But we must not throw so much grit in the wheels that bad manageprotected.

New Labour should aim for a robust model of capitalism that will equip Britain for the rigours of the global market in the 21st century. That model needs to be both responsible and dynamic, competitive as well as civilised. It will be unique to Britain's circumstances and it will be an adaptation of market capitalism, not the radical alterhas irreparably damaged a linative to it for which some company's future prospects. | are still searching.

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John Snagge

# The voice at the helm

died aged 91. His deep velvet voice graced many great and state occasions, but he was best known for his 50 years of

Mordaunt Snagge, he was educated at Winchester and pioneering relay station that he developed his rich vocal chords, a voice in keeping with the dramatic and stately occasions he was to describe without a hint of snobbery, patronisation, or ignorance. His job in Stoke was to read

news bulletins, sing duets with the producer on live children's programmes, and run a weekly show using the talent of the Potteries, includ-ing an amateur orchestra and chorus formed for the station. It taught him to cope with people whose idioms and accents he did not always understand — and how to enjoy their company. When he returned to Stoke to re-open the station half a century later, several people recog-

OHN SNAGGE, the nouncer at Savoy Hill in 1928 Snagge was being heard. Durwireless announcer and moved to outside broading his early years the difficulties of moving a commentation. the news of the state funerals and corona-D-Day invasion, has tions became his beat.

Britain learned that the tide of war was turning at tate occasions, but he was lest known for his 50 years of Soat Race commentaries.

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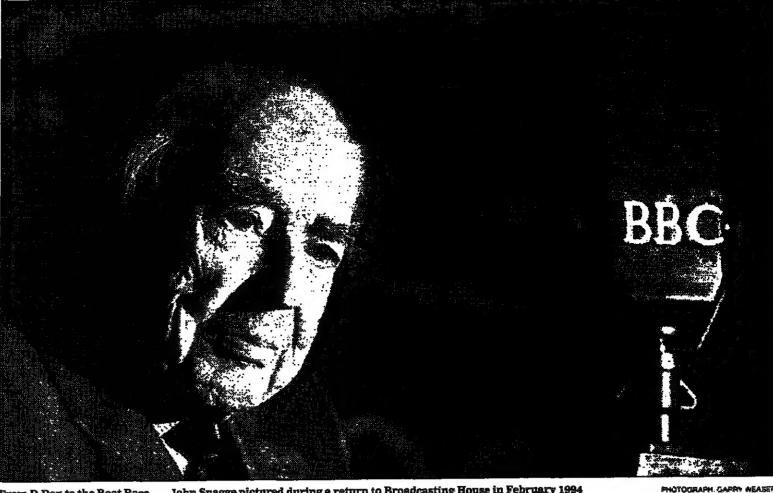
The second son of Judge Sir Allied Expeditionary Force: "Under the command of Gen-Pembroke College, Oxford, and joined the BBC in 1924 as assistant station director at Stoke-on-Trent. It was at this pioneering relay station that pioneering relay station that advantage on the northern coast of France." As radio's presentation director during the war tion director during the war years, it was Snagge who brought news of Pearl Har-bour and VE-Day. In 1953 he described the Queen's coronation service from Westmin-

> Until 1980 he was the wire-less voice of the Boat Race, turning what was often tedium into mystique to keep millions on the edge of their seats until the crews reached Mortlake brewery. Having rowed for his college. Snagge made his first commentary in 1931, the fifth year the event was broadcast. At that time the commentator had no contact with the shore from his launch, relying on flagmen placed at the landmarks to signal the position of the

ing his early years the diffitator behind a race for 414 miles was a significant spur for the development of shortrange transmission. Snagge quickly developed

realising it. In the early days he used to gauge the distance between the crews at Duke's Meadows by reading two flags run up a poll on the bank. After several years he met the flagman in a pub and thanked him, joking that he didn't watch the flags any more because his own judgment was always proved right. "I should bloody well hope my flags are accurate," said the flagman, "I do it from what you say on the wireless." The Boat Race occupied lit-

tle more than a day a year of Snagge's career on radio, although he also commentated from Henley Royal Regatta. In 1952 he turned down the job of Controller for Northern Ireland and later became the BBC's head of presentation (sound) before retiring in 1965. However he continued to commentate on the rowing was his last, when Oxford won by only a canvas when their bow man collapsed and turned them into a seven-man



From D-Day to the Boat Race . . . John Snagge pictured during a return to Broadcasting House in February 1994

rienced you are, without a butterfly in your stomach. You think 'So far, I've got

broke down in a blinding snowstorm and narrowly avoided being rammed by pursuing steamers.

Snagge mistrusted recordings where everything could be done again if something went wrong. "I was born with a microphone in my mouth," he told me. "You cannot in my mouth," he told me. "You cannot broadcast live, however experienced you are, without a such as the Everest climber on a microphone in a microphone in my mouth," he said only: "As far as I am concerned, it's all over," and handed the microphone back to Snagge.

During his time as a commentator, Snagge presented a gold sovereign dating from 1829, the first year of the Boat for it.

Race victors would lose their amateur status if they kept the coin because they would come out at more than mentator, Snagge presented a gold sovereign dating from 1829, the first year of the Boat for it.

The coin caused a problem when Snagge decreed that the winning club would be responsible for keeping it until the next year. The Ama
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Senator Edmund Muskie

# It all ended in tears

kie, who has died aged 81, was one of the tantalising might-have-beens of US presi-dential politics. He will be remembered for a moment of public tears and as a veteran Democratic Senator who may have been the real victim of President Nixon's Watergate

The tears and Watergate went together. In 1971-72, Senator Ed Muskie of Maine was by far the most serious Democratic challenger to Nixon's hopes of re-election. His campaign was accordingly targeted for an unpleasant form of guerrilla warfare by Nixon's

They forged letters in Muskie's name, spread foul rumours about his wife, dis-abled campaign cars, and throughout the night, using exaggerated African-American accents to say "This is Harlem for Muskie and we

For the New Hampshire primary, where French-Canadians are an important vot-ing minority, they distrib-uted a forgad Muskie letter which sneered at them as "dumb Canucks". Muskie, who had never faced anything this dirty in his political life, was most appalled by the attacks on his wife, who indeed had a drinking problem, particularly when they were published in the notoriously rightwing Manchester

On the campaign trial, in the snow, he broke down in tears as he defended her against a heckler in a mothat doomed his campaign. From his bizarre behaviour then and immediately after-wards, many on Muskie's ampaign staff suspect to this

DMUND Sixtus Mus- | Harold Macmillan's better i quips. Macmillan liked Muskie, thought he should have been president, and later commented that any British politician with experience of have known how to deal with a heckler. "If somebody had shouted that my wife was a drunk, I'd have replied Yes, but you should have seen her mother. That would have worked."

Muskie won the New Hampshire primary, but unconvincingly for a neighbour dents and the radical left all the way to the nomination and to overwhelming defeat by Nixon. Muskie might have done

better. It is not easy to be sure. A man of craggy, slowthinking and slow-talking integrity, he could be an im-pressive public speaker, but was not a gifted campaigner. In 1968, when he made his name as vice-presidential running mate to Hubert Humphrey, his plain virtues shone in contrast to the garrulous Humphrey, the tricky Nixon and the cleaginous crook Nixon chose as his run-

USKIE did not seriously consider running for the disaster befell the party's heir apparent, Senator Ed-ward Kennedy, when a female aide drowned after Kennedy drove his car off a bridge at Chappaquiddick in 1969. Muskie campaigned hard for his party in the 1970 mid-term Congressional elec-tion, and became the choice of the Democratic barons and



Edmund Muskie . . . bizarre behaviour aroused suspicions that his coffee had been spiked with LSD PHOTO NEIL DEBERT

mental legislation. To party insiders, he had been Lyndon Johnson's loyal disciple since first being elected to the Sanate in 1958. Although Muskie later claimed "private doubts" about the Vietnam war as early as 1966, in 1968 he stuck to the hawkish party Muskie, the son of Polish

immigrants, was the first Roman Catholic to attend Bates College, a haven of the WASP aristocracy who could not get into Harvard or Yale. He then became the first Democrat to be elected Governor, and later Senator for the state of Maine, formerly so solidly Republican that it was Martin Walker one of only two states to vote against President Roosevelt in 1936. Muskie became an elder statesman, available to fill

day that LSD or some other the front-runner.

To the public, Muskie was a traditional Democratic center before he began speaking. At least it provoked one of trist with a proud and pio- of the Carter presidency.

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March 28, 1996

When the Congress wanted a reliable hand to run the inquiry into the Iran-Contra affair. Muskie was the obvious candidate.

Always popular in Maine, Muskie suffered less than most defeated candidates after his presidential bid foundered. His devoted aide, George Mitchell, inherited Muskie's Senate seat, and went on to become Senate majority leader - the post in which Muskie might have been most content. Muskie's foreign policy aide in the 1972 campaign, Tony Lake, is now national security adviser in the Clinton White House.

Martin Walker served on Muskie's Senate and 1971 campalgn staff as a Congressiona Science Association

Appreciation: Mary Lavin

# Ruralist writer who shone amid Dublin's bright lights

unconventional mother who would always use a magazine or from a Guggen-heim fellowship to pile her fhree small daughters into her Volkswagen Beetle and head

deeply committed writer who until her daughters met her never quite appreciated her after school for an unorthodox own stature but who knew family dinner. Money was al-absolutely what she was about in her work. "I don't think a issue. When an unexpected story should have a beginning, a middle and an end," spent it on a mews in Dublin's she said. "To me it is more Lad Lane, then a noted red like an arrow in flight." She light district. "There was no had little interest in criticism body there but the prostitutes her death, but there had been but believed that writers should be their own severest critics. "Writers should read and re-read what they have written to find out what it is that they are trying to say."
On her first day as an arts student at University College

Dublin she caught the eye of Michael MacDonald Scott, a handsome Australian who was also a Jesuit seminarian. "It was love at first sight," she said — "so much so that I afterwards couldn't recall if he wore a dog collar." When he went back to Australia they wrote to each other every day

for 14 years.
While still a student Mary wrote her first short story on the back of her PhD thesis on Virginia Woolf and sold it to Dublin magazine. Success fol-lowed immediately on the publication of her first collection of short stories, Tales from Bective Bridge in 1941, the same year she married William Walsh, a solicitor. She won the James Tait Me-morial Prize and produced three further volumes and three daughters, Valdy, Caroline and Elizabeth.

After the death of her hus-band in 1954 she suffered a complete physical collapse and was taken to hospital Told she could not go home until her weight improved.

"O HER family Mary Lass has stuffed her pockets with ten?" I asked. "If I could I vin (obituary, March 26). stones to defy the weighing would re-write every single was "Mud", an adored scales. It was this determinated line I ever wrote, she replied. tion that not only got her back to her family but enabled her sufficiently to launch herself into a literary career. But love and loneliness remained the central themes of her work.

for France or Italy.

To her literary friends she was an unassuming and where she worked all day cheque for £300 arrived, she and they were very kind Mary exclaimed with great

In spite of precarious fi-nances she became famous for her hospitality. She cut a distinctive figure, always dressed in black with a huge piece of silver or amber dangling on her bosom and her bair pulled back into a classical bun, and gave memorable literary evenings where eminent writers mingled with (then) upcoming ones such as John McGahern and Paul Durcan.

On one of her excursions to Europe she met up again with Michael Scott, whom she had not seen for 20 years. In 1969, when she was 57, he obtained permission to leave the Jesuit Order and marry her, and Mary and "Mike" became a central part of Dublin's liter-ary life until his death in 1989. Like many New Yorker writers, she was sensitive writers, she was sensitive about the stories they rejected and never offered them for publication elsewhere. She once told me she had a big heap of these stories under a bed. While I was editing a Dublin magazine I asked if I could have a leak at the start of the stories when the start of the stories was sensitive. could have a look at them. At first she agreed, but later said no and instead gave me a rewrite of an early published story. "Do you often feel like re-writing what you've writ-

The author of several novels, she was best known for her short stories which appeared in numerous vol-umes as well as in a three-volume collected set published by Constable in 1985. She was the recipient of numerous Irish and American literary wards. Along with Samu Beckett, she was made a sool, the highest office of the Irish literary body, Aosdana.

vin had not been active as a writer for some years before as there has been with many or most Irish short-story writers of the generation which followed closely upon Frank O'Connor and Sean O'Faoiain.

From the late 1940s a vogue for the "rural" Irish short story was shrewdly exploited by publishers and magazine editors, especially the New Yorker which at one stage had a large number of Irish names on its books. However, with the exception of Lavin herself, Benedict Kiely and perhaps one or two more, these writers — whether liv-ing or not — have sunk into their period. Their work means little to younger Irish writers today and is unlikely

to be revived. Lavin was something more than a ruralist in the usual imaginative, almost siniste has made certain critics com-pare her with Flannery O'Connor. Her close links with America, which she kept up all her life, may largely explain this artistic parallel In fact, America was a second — some would even say, a first — home for her art, and she never carried a corresponding literary pres-tige in Great Britain.

at nothing to catch his prey.

Birthdays

Lord (Julian) Amery, vet-eran Conservative. 77: Mary Armour, painter, 95; Robert Armour, painter, 85; Robert
Bauman, chairman, British
Aerospoce. 55; Prof Alastair
Bellingham, haematologist,
president, Royal College of Pathologists, 58; Louis BlomCooper QC, barrister and
author, 70; Lord Callaghan of
Cardiff, former Labour prime
minister. 84; Robert Cohan. minister, 84; Robert Cohan. dance director, founder artistic director, Contemporary Dance Trust, 71: Patrick Deu-char, chief executive, Royal Albert Hall, 47; Maria Ewing, opera singer, 46; Julian Glover, actor, 61; Duncan Goodhew, swimmer. 33; El-lery Hanley, rugby league footballer, 35; Mstislav Rostropovich, cellist and conductor, 69; Admiral Sir Jock Slater, Chief of Naval Staff and First Sea Lord. 58: Quentin Tarantino, film director. 33; Frank Taylor, chief constable, Durham, 63; Cyrus Vance, US statesman and UN mediator, 79.

# Death Notices

home in Buchington, Greatly missed by inside, distiplier's grandchildren and greet-grandchildren. Funeral at 2.30pm, 2nd April at Thanet Cremisorum, Maryate Molfon-er's. Donalisms in dealled to the Pilgrans Hospice, Margate, or Save the Chuldren Fund of Dore Brothers (pd. 37 Admirt). In Road, Margate UT9 1881, 7of 61843 200344 217 EW Hitversum, 1 Oranesandreany and 1217 EW Hitversum, The Nethorlands ROSS-HALLAN (Perg. On March 24th 1996 after a long battle against canner. Pai Dear Wife and Friend of John Haltam (Juzz Musecan) Lowed Mother of Philip and Daughter in Law of Melle Hallam Younger sister of Vera Lomas and Jack and Philip Coole, and a Loving Ause and Great Aust For many years night sister on casualty at Sockport Instrumey and a long the long Socialist. A short service of thanksgwing for Par's Life will be held at Christ Church Liffian Grove, Reddish, Stockport, on Saturday March 30th at 11 00am. In which all Inferds are Invited, Solkwed by private Cremation, Family Flowers Only Plazae Tis Butt A PAUSE? Inquines in Mesars R.A. Fairhurst & Some FrumerAL, Directors; Tel 0181 432 1700.

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# Jackie's clean

THE STORY is very simple in every Jackie Chan movie. I'm the good guy; then there's the do the comedy stunts and fighting. I can't say my films are not violent, but they're not very, very violent like American movies. We have a lot of action, but not a lot of blood. No dirty words come from my mouth. I have a girlfriend in my films, but no make-love scenes. Always bad guy either die or go to jail. because in Asia so many chil-Parents say, "Learn from Jackie. See what Jackie's doing in the movies. See what

Jackie's doing in public." So my image is very important. Sometimes I'd like to play the bad guy and sometimes I'd like to die in a movie. But all the film buyers from Korea and Japan say, "No! Jackie can't play the bad guy, Jackie can't

If I have Japanese bad guy, I

se some Japanese good guy. If I have Caucasian bad guy, I have Caucasian good guy. If you want to be an international star, you must create good production, not make local films with only local jokes. Airplane! was very famous in America, but not very successful in Asia. Maybe my movies cannot get awards, but my movies more successful than things like The Colour Purple, which gets awards, but only few audiences like it. But ya know what? ET is the best movie in the world. For me, what is a bad movie? Nobody sees it, that's a bad movie. That's my philosophy. First time you see one of my movies, you will remember then you will continue to come see all my movies. Every movie I do must be good

learn. I see many big stars becoming very rich, but suddenly they're very poor be-cause they are gambling. OK, I'm not gambling. I save all my money. I'm very happy. I have my Jackie Chan stunt team, Jackie Chan camera team. If I stop working, what about them? So I must always be working. On the set, I'm kind of like the king of the set. When we're finished, when everybody has gone home, it's myself. Where do I go? I stay in my office, watch my video Chinese action hero Jackie Chan discloses the secret of his success to Howard Feinstein

# Private morals

SOCIETY IS full of paradoxes. Technologically, the world has shrunk, but the process of globalisation seems only to remind us how divided and fragmented we are. Now we have so many of the things we wanted, we have forgotten the point. And in a world where the norm was to try to be modern, we find that modernism is be-coming out of date . . . Con-

sumerist pragmatism holds sway in many of our Western democracies . . . One of the themes I have returned to again and again since becom-ing archbishop is my concern about the dangers inherent in the privatisation of morality. A society that loses its commitment to certain core moral values becomes one in which everyone does what is right in their own eyes. And post-modernism rejects abso-tute ways of speaking of truth. As Professor Lyotard says: "I define post-modern-ism as incredulity towards meta-narratives." This ten-dency pushes religion and morality out of the public arena into the private domain. But to claim for all its citizens a morality which is purely self-referential is to claim a freedom which ends up being no freedom at all. If there is no point of reference beyond myself or beyond yourself, then reason, justice and law become exploitable by the powerful and the influential, and the weak have nothing left to appeal to. If we have no word for sin we shall soon find we have no words

left to describe responsibility. As the ancient Roman adage puts it: "What are laws without morals?"

The Pope expressed the sharp dilemma this causes. When morality is privatised almost the only moral princi-ple that is held in common is that of "autonomy". Each must choose on the basis of bis or her individual rational will — that is the secular moral philosopher's dream without any recourse to tradition or convention. Yet the Pope rightly points out that many social scientists have been arguing for years that individuals are, in many respects, not free to choose their lives and ideas are largely determined. So we have the dilemma that individual choice becomes the hallmark of modern (or rather post-modern) morality, yet individual choice is in fact severely circumscribed. All we seem to be left with is a rather bleak and despairing

relativism. George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, makes a plea for core moral values in the Catho

# Loco madness

"IT'S A LAUGH" says the man who will give his name only as "DB". "It's a laugh thinking about the sad people in anoraks staying on the platform and keeping to the rules, while I'm trackside and naked." DB spends time posing naked by train tracks with his mate, Jessie because he is what is known in trainspotting circles as a "gricer" — a hardcore locomotive fanatic who will stop



Gricers are perhaps best de-scribed as the punks of trainspotting. They are locomo-tive fans who have added an anti-establishment (anti-BR) spin to their pastime by es-chewing the mere collecting of electric passenger trains, opting instead to take photo graphs of the big, sexy diesel engines that thunder along inaccessible freight lines in the dead of night... The trouser-dropping is a ritual; and has photographed the trains, he often drops his trousers in front of the train

while his friend snaps him. It's seen as a laddish, gloating gesture of triumph over the authorities who would come between the people and their trains. Dawn Gill tracks down the punk trainspotters, the Gricers, for the Face.

# Mail check

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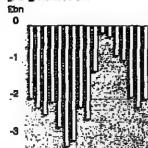
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# £4bn EU bill blow to trade

Richard Thomas and Larry Elliott

RECORD #4 billion payment to Brus-sels helped push Britain's balance of payments deeper into the red last year, accordg to government officials. With the row intensifying yesterday over the worldwide ban slapped on British beef

Balance of payments



Treasury officials, aware of the simmering resentment felt towards Brussels by Conservative Eurosceptics, in-sisted the transfer to the European Union would be offset by some repayment this year. This rebate is expected to be between £750 million and £1 billion, but will not make up for the virtual doubling of the EU payment from the £21 billion recorded

billion in 1995.

by the European Union, the Central Statistical Office dis-

closed that the UK had to foot the bill for the continent's

economic slowdown last year.

Balance of payments fig-ures showed that the extra-contributions to EU coffers helped widen the gap between

imports and exports from £2.1 billion in 1994 to £6.7

underlined how the stuttering economic performance by Germany and France — two of Britain's biggest trading partners — led to a deterioration in the UK's visible trade balance in food, manufac-tured goods, oil, raw materi-

billion last year.
Europe's blanket ban on
British beef could add a further £1.5 billion to the delicit this year as a result of a slump in exports and a rise in imports, City analysts

Treasury officials were san-guine about yesterday's data, describing the effect of the EU contribution as a one-off and insisting that the underlying by Britain's service sector

ONSUMERS squirrelling cash into savings accounts

rather than splashing out in the high street, casting a shadow over government hopes of retail-led growth, writes Richard Thomas.

Although real incomes

were boosted last year by building society bandouts

and a pick-up in wages, much of the money is being

reinvested, according to

A spokesman said that, 1994 apart, last year's outturn was the best performance since 1987. He added that the 1995 gap was almost exactly in line with last November's

budget forecast of a 26.5 billion shortfall. The deterioration of the trade position in goods was offset by a better performance

Personal disposable in-

comes were 0.7 per cent

higher in the last three months of 1995 than in the

preceding quarter, but con-sumer spending rose only

As a result, officials sharply revised up their es-

timate of the "savings

ratio" — the proportion of income saved — from 8.6

0.5 per cent.

als from £10.8 billion to £11.6 current account picture billion last year.

Europe's blanket ban on British beef could add a fur.

A spokesman said that, belied lift the surplus from est, profits and dividends from £1.4 billion to The pattern for 1995 was

not reproduced in the final three months of the year, when the overall balance of payments deficit fell from £2.1 billion to £1.8 billion.
This was the result of a decline in the visible trade defi-cit from £3.6 billion to £2.8

per cent for the last three

Jonathan Loynes, UK economist at HSBC Mar-

kets, said: "The pushing up of the savings ratios sug-gests consumers are still

relatively cautious. This

emphasises the need for

ernment's growth target is

months of 1995.

est, profits and dividends from £1.4 billion to £900 million.

The shadow trade and industry secretary, Margaret Beckett, said: "The 1995 defi-cit was the tenth in a row. The country cannot run a per manent current account defi

The CSO also revised down estimates of invest-

ment spending for 1995,

from a 1.2 per cent rise to a

0.7 per cent fallover the previous year, reflecting continued weakness in

housing and construction.

Treasury officials were disappointed with the investment dip — the first since 1992 — but said firms were continuing to spend on plant and equipment.

It has £7 million to back

first half of the year because of stadium rebuilding, the company produced six-month

profits more than double the previous year. Lower operat-

ing profits were offset by ex-ceptional gains from com-mercial deals and from the sale of players, notably Ukrainian winger Andrei

Kanchelskis, sold to Everton

£15.3 million, on sales down from £36 million to just under £30 million. The in-

terim dividend is to be in-

creased by 14 per cent to 1.6p

per share. This contrasts sharply with

Millwall, another football

club quoted on the stock mar-ket but languishing in the middle of the First Division. Its half-year sales reached al-most 22 million, equivalent to the takings from two league

tches at Old Trafford. Millwall reported a loss be-fore tax of £376,000 despite

more than £1 million in trans fer profits but unlike United

whose diversification is limited to football-related media

and merchandise, plans to de

velop into communications and leisure activities.

Graham Robson, former chief executive of Dalgety Consumer Food Group, has joined as chief executive of

KipperWilliams

MANCHESTER UNITED

SUPPORTERS'CLUB

able acquisitions.

for 45 million last summer.

# Skating over political points



Edited by Alex Brummer

HE marketing of the Railtrack share offer always was going to be a much more low-key affair than some of its predecessors. The political risk is particu-larly acute given the Labour Party's vaciliation on whether it will take it back into public ownership/con-trol when it takes office.

That will hopefully be clariin the pathfinder prospectus on April 15. Some investors may also be more cautious be-cause of recent privatisation history when almost immedi-ately after the sale of the Government's remaining stakes in PowerGen and National Power, the electricity regulator announced a distributors' price review, sending the

low their offer price.
The flamboyance in the Railtrack sale will come not status in a commercial league of its own, writes Roger Come. from the Government's finan-cial advisers, who are playing it absolutely straight, but from the 110 banks, building societies and other institu-tions which will be offering spending to strengthen the squad. It boasts one of the top internet sites and claims to be the biggest catering venue outside London.

Despite lower sales in the Railtrack stock through share

shops.
Some will be tempting investors through their portals with such inducements as a prize draw for a trip on the Orient Express or to Barba-dos. Any hopes the public might have had that Railtrack might draw them in to the card on the railways have not been fulfilled, although as in previous offers individual investors (who will be allocated As a result, pre-tax profits at least 30 per cent of shares) rose from £7.3 million to will receive a discount on the

Institutional offer If there is any surprise in the marketing arrangements just announced it is that the Government is still holding firm on the line that at least 51 per cent of Railtrack will

It has been widely assumed that the whole, raising in the order of £1.8 billion, would be marketed. The fact that the still being used indicates

still being used indicates some government caution.
Among the fillips to investors are the assured revenue streams, which have been built into the contracts of the rail operating companies; the balance sheet, which has been cleared of all but £585 million of debt, and the wonerty port. of debt, and the property port-folio — value still unquanti-fied. What the prospectus will not say is that Railtrack has to be sold reasonably cheaply, because so much political capital has been invested.

the holding company, charged with identifying suit-Roger Cowe is a Manchest United shareholder Trade beef

ARASSED British officials trying to squeeze cash out of Brussels bureaucrats to compensate

for the beef trade ban might

consider emulating Mrs Thatcher's successful stand at Fontainebleau in 1984, which was based on a simple philos-ophy: Give Us Our Money

Yesterday the Government was handed the perfect weapon for pursuing this approach. The Central Statistical Office said that in 1995 the UK made a net payment of £4.1 billion to the European Commission — almost double 1994's contribution and an

all-time record. The criteria for assessing contributions are the rate of economic growth and governtaxes. And although the UK's expansion of 2.5 per cent last year looks anaemic by com-parison to 1994's boom growth of 4 per cent, it was still better than the struggling economies of many of

our European partners.
As a result, our share of the cost of institutions such as the European Court and pro-grammes like the Common Agricultural Policy shot up.
The UK is likely to get some money back during the course of 1996 — Treasury in-siders are hoping for £750 million — because of an underspend in the total EC

budge But the increase in the size of the UK's transfer to the EU has already damaged the UK's balance of payments deficit, which hit 26.7 billion for 1995 — a three-fold in-crease on the previous year.

With the beef ban expected to send Britain's trade a further £1.5 billion into the red. even without any slaughter policy, some concession from Europe

HE decision by the IMF a executive board to approve a \$10.2 billion (26.5 billion) new standby accord with Russia — ahead of June's presidential election some quarters as a vote for Boris Yeltsin. Although the exceptional terms, requiring monthly monitoring of the Russian economy, mean that the IMF has not necessarily

been that lenient. The loan, coming after several other big credits including that to Mexico, will however start to stretch the IMF's resources. This makes it all the more important that new reserve-rich countries, such idly brought into the IMF's borrowing arrangements; that progress is made on es-tablishing a future role for the IMP's currency, the SDR, and that shareholders move with some speed towards a major increase in the IMFs capital resources.

☐ Mercury Asset Management has asked us to point out that its only purchase of Securicor stock this year was a small further investment in the company's 4.55 per cent cumulative participating preference shares on 22 Janu ary. We are pleased to correct any suggestion that MAM topped up its holdings in Securicor in anticipation of changes in the company's

# Make a killing and take the **Orient Express**

ISCOUNT vouchers on the Orient Express and 25 model railway engines were yesterday paraded as the more unusua inducements to encourage individuals to buy shares in the Railtrack flotation due at the

end of May.
The Government's £5 million marketing campaign track will be for sale.
was launched last night in a The Government w was launched tast rugar assertes of television and newspaper advertisements which pany, originally valued at 26.4 billion, but now down-

after which Railtrack's senior management team selling programme, includ-ing to key international Some 110 banks, building

societies and stockbrokers have been appointed as share shops, providing more than 10,000 high-street outlets. Each outlet will be able to make special offers to people

clude a trip to Disneyland near Paris via Eurostar, are in the form of prize draws. The Government wanted to be more generous to individ-ual punters by offering free train travel, but the idea was

ruled out after considerable investigation because of hostility among the private operating companies. The share offer streams that at least 51 per cent of the Government's shares in Rail-

The Government wants to The pathfinder prospectus graded to around £2 billion. It will be published on April 15, rejected suggestions last night that the City was going cold on the plan, even though potential investors will not be told that the business will have to rely on public subsi-

The offer will be structured in two parts: a UK public offer targeted at retail investors, who will be offered at least 30 per cent of shares, and an international tender offer, aimed primarily at inregistering with them. stitutional investors in the The offers, which also in- UK and worldwide.

dies to make a return.

# Minister refuses to come clean

ated Labour by sidestep-ping demands to spell out the full costs of cleaning up nuclear power stations as e fought to fend off calls for the £2.6 billion privati-sation to be scrapped, writes

Rebecca Smithers.

During a heated debate on the sell-off, Mr Eggar refused to detail the industry's liabilities for decom missioning stations and cleaning up waste.

Shadow trade and industry secretary Margaret circumstances."

ENERGY Minister Tim Beckett claimed the nu-Eggar yesterday infuri-clear sell-off was one of the clear sell-off was one of the Government's "most reck-less gambles" and the tax-payer would have to pick up much of the final bill for shutting the stations down. But Mr Eggar fought eack by telling MPs: "The Labour Party are members of a unique club, a unique club of two. The new Labour Party joins with litical movements who are still opposed to privatisation in any form and in any

# **Hammer bangs** on the Internet

Mark Tran in New York

FORMER West Ham trainee footballer has decided to float free in cyberspace, Andrew Klein's pioneering Spring Street Brewery was the first American company to make a pub-lic offering of its shares on the Internet.
Now it has made another

breakthrough by winning approval from the Securities and Exchange Commission to have its shares traded in The company made history

in February when it used the net." he said. "It was simply WorldWide Web to raise a natural progression to de-\$1.6 million in an initial public offering without having to pay a penny to underwriters. holders could rea it followed up that pioneering if they so desire.

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move by creating a cyber-space market for its shares.

the Internet to raise money has generated intense interest among other entrepreneurs. Mr Klein, who trained with West Ham football club in 1980 before becoming a securities lawyer and then a brewer, said he had received about 100 enquiries from companies and would-be entrepreneurs interested in tapping the Internet.

'We attracted a significant number of our 3,500 share-holders by creatively harnessing the power of the intera natural progression to de-velop a digital trading mechanism by which these shareholders could realise liquidity

> It is not known how much Granada wants for the had helped fmance Moham-

sive hotel chain valued at £910 million.

He already owns London's Forte, then owner of the neighbouring Grosvenor

close to the Sultan played down any suggestion that a deal involving the George V was imminent.

believe he was closely involved in last November's £240 million acquisition of royal jewellers Asprey by

hotel analyst at broker

able to take a much longer view than most plcs can, but if he is interested, it would suggest that Granada may not be able to sell publicity since suggestions and may not be able to sell in the mid-1980s that he the Exclusives as a block." Meanwhile, American

George V, but during last med Al-Fayed's controver-hotel group Marriott is year's takeover battle, sial takeover of House of understood to be best Forte had its entire Exclusive Fraser. However, insiders placed to buy Granada's Meridien and Exclusive

Although other leading hoteliers, including Bass, FTT-Sheraton and French group Accor are also be-lieved to have approached Granada, Marriott is still thought to be the front-run-ner. Last night, no one from Marriott's head office was

Meanwhile, former Forte boss, Sir Rocco Forte, has recruited David Pascall, formerly finance director at MAI's money and securi ties broking division, as his acquisition team's new finance director.

# Chemist hints at new formula

lan King

NICHEM. Britain's third biggest chemist, yesterday hinted it was prepared to raise its £623 million bid for Lloyds Chemists, Britain's second biggest drugs chain, which is being ssessed by the Monopolies Commission. Chief executive Jeff Harris,

who said he was still confident of winning the fight for Lloyds, said he expected the bid — which lapsed on last month's MMC referral — to be cleared once the MIMC completes its report.

Mr Harris said Unichem had not ruled out increasing the bid, assuming that the MMC, which must report by June 28, gives its approval. Gehe, Unichem's German

rival, is waiting for the Office of Fair Trading to refer its £850 million counter-bid for Lloyds to the MMC after Brussels referred the matter back to British competition Speaking as Unichem un down 1p at 245p.

in full year pre-tax profits, to £49.4 million, Mr Harris said he was still "extremely sur prised" at the referral. He added: "After we get a

favourable decision from the MMC, we will reset the bid based on a consideration of Lloyds at that time. It's been kicked into touch for now, but we are neck and neck, no doubt about that." Mr Harris said Unichem,

which snapped up 9.9 per cent of Lloyds in a market raid be-fore the MMC referral, still had the advantage.

He said: "Gehe bid more, but we had the sentiment of the City and pharmaceuticals people behind us."

·However, Gehe - whose bid for Lloyds reaches its first closing date today - immediately poured scorn on Mr Harris's remarks, insisting that it was still in pole position to win Lloyds. A spokesman said: "Ours is the only bid on the table at the

Unichem shares closed

# Flying winger delivers lucrative parting shot to United ANCHESTER United fol-lowed its rise to the top of the Premiership with financial results yesterday which confirmed the club's

No spending please, we're British



Everton gain . . . but United made £5 million from Kanchelskis sale PHOTOGRAPH: DAN SMITH

# Brunei royals set to buy George V

ias King

RUNEI'S royal family is thought to be close to purchasing the George V hotel in Paris from Granada, according to industry sources.

The Sultan, who heads the family and whose £20 billion-plus fortune makes him the world's richest outbid Saudi Prince Al-Waleed, who has also expressed an interest in the notel, which Granada acquired during January's £3.9 billion purchase of

The Sultan's love of lux-

ury hotels is well known. Dorchester Hotel, and last year was reported as having offered £300 million to House Hotel. But last night, sources

The Sultan has avoided

his younger brother, Prince Jefri Bolkiah. Bruce Jones, leisure and

Merrill Lynch, said the Sultan could easily outbid most hotel companies for the George V. He added: "The Sultan is

# Halifax stacks up £1.1bn despite a dire market

Borrowers desert UK's biggest building society . . .

RITAIN'S biggest building society, the Halifax, yesterday announced profits of £1.1 billion last year despite a dire market, in which lending fell and house moves dropped to their lowest level for 21

The mortgage lenders. which unveiled agreed plans to buy mutual insurer Cleriunderlined its change of strategy by declaring it would no longer rely on the housing market as the main motor of increased profits.

Following its merger with the Leeds Permanent, the Haltfax is in the process of converting to a bank and the flotation is expected to pro-ceed in the summer.

Its chairman, Jon Foulds, predicted that the disman-ting of the welfare state would continue, forcing

would continue, forcing people to provide for their own financial security.

He said: "With an ageing population and diminishing welfare state, accumulating personal wealth will become much more important. As people become disillusioned with housing they will increasingly switch from physical to financial assets.

strong growth in UK personal savings and investments and Halifax is best-placed to be Assets grew to £99 billion come the key financial insti-tution for accumulating and managing personal wealth in

the next generation."
Mr Foulds said that last year banking and personal loans provided better business growth than the mortgage market, where the bad debt charge of £107 million was little changed from the previous year.

The society's net lending fell from £3.6 billion in 1994-95 to £2.8 billion, although lis share of the market remained steady at 19 per cent, against a background of a 20 per cent fall in overall net lending in

the UK.

The Halifax is cautiously optimistic that the housing market is showing signs of improvement, and it expects house prices to rise by 2 per cent by the end of the year, with transactions up 10 per

Mr Foulds said: "The Hallfax House Price Index has now shown increases in seven successive months and there are strong indications from Halifax Estate Agents of renewed buyer interest.
"No housing boom is likely,

but - based on firm foundations of rising real incomes, low house prices and historie see clear indications of cally low mortgage costs —

following the merger with the Leeds — which cost £113 millton — and the acquisition of BNP Mortgages. The Halifax confirmed its

interest in acquiring another building society, and the Woolwich, which itself plans to float next year, is thought to be a good match. Mr Foulds said: "We are

asked sometimes why the conversion process appears to be taking so long. It must be remembered that Halifax and the Leeds both decided that their correct strategy was to merge followed then by the conversion of the combined

"This two-stage process longer than a simple conversion.

The society's interest mar-gin — the gap between the saving and borrowing rate has increased slightly following the Leeds merger from 2.13 per cent in 1994-95 to

2.18 per cent.
The chief executive, Mike Blackburn, said that the Halifax would compete with any mortgage rates which were being offered by societies which had begun to redistribute profits as part of their

### . . . Bovis Homes to be sold . . .

# P&O to steer a tighter course as profits slip

### Outlook

Pauline Springett

HE shipping and prop-erty group, P&O, made all the right noises yesterday as far as the City was concerned. The eyecatcher was the announcement that it plans to float Bovis Homes

This was part of a package which suggests that P&O is about to be steered on a much tighter course. Lord Ster ling, the chairman, said he was simply being more open about his intentions than he

million of property assets by the end of 1998, to reduce investment in bulk shipping and to focus the group on

improve the group's return on capital from 11 per cent to

15 per cent. The decision to float Bovis Homes, whose book value is \$200 million, was inevitable given P&O's increasingly international operations. The domestic house building division sits uneasity with the service containers business of the group.

rest of the group.

The big question, apart from the eventual price tag, is whether yesterday's announcement will smoke out The decision to sell some of

than usual because the prop-erty market has been in recession.
The company argues that

ewer international the market has been improv-ivisions.

Lord Sterling, unveiling a 6 for some sales. Cynics might per cent decline in pre-tax say that some of the property

profits last year to £320.1 million, said his priority is to spent on it and sales are overspent on it and sales are overdue. But the fact that sales have started — £100 million year — is still welcome.

This may all bode well for the future but the fact is that P&O was badly hit in 1995 by and the continued low rates which saw its profits fall by 35 per cent to £40.9 million, a decline almost matched by the ferries division where profits fell by 34 per cent to

E74.8 million. Lord Sterling was pulling the company's property port- no punches yesterday. There folio was flagged earlier this was flerce competition year. Lord Sterling's argu-among the cross-Channel The other main planks of portfolio has been performing well, it remains larger than usual because the new formula to the a difficult year as rates. said, adding that P&O reduced its rates by just over 10 per cent last year.

On the plus side, the cross-Channel market for cars and freight grew by 25 per cent last year and the start to 1996 has been good. Passengers have been spending more on

> As Eurotunnel's capacity is stretched, P&O hopes to pick up some overspill business. The containers business ! also intensely competitive and rates are very low. To tackle this P&O has signed a deal to form from June an aloperator, Hapag Lloyd, Nep-tune Orient Lines of Singapore, and Nippon Yusen Kai-

> sha of Japan. Lord Sterling said the containers business was chang-ing almost out of recognition. There would be more alliances, with companies increasingly sharing facilities. possibly even the containers themselves. "We intend to be proactive," he said.
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> But the bottom line is that

the containers division produces only a 6 per cent return on capital. If Lord Sterling fails to raise that to 15 per cent in the next three years, the company may well decide to pull out of containers.

Inchcape wishes to make it clear that the 2,000 job losses referred to in yesterday's Outlook have already taken

### Stock market value C3.165bn > Main activity: Cross - Channel ferry operations. cruise shos, internationa container operations, also in construction and property 3 19.7 And the second aminus per share 37.8 **Dividend** .30.8 AND RESERVE Operating profit £m % change 20 40 80 80 100 PAD Gruisin P&C Ferries P&O Containas Ì-35i P&O Bulk Stripping B/S (Was a loss P&O European Transport Service +37 Bovis Court Olympia etc

# but City detects recovery

Bovis Homes

Boung Construction Group

# Taylor made £46m

HARES of Taylor Woodrow rose by as much as 8 per cent yesterday when the City scented that the group was over the worst of the recession in construction. Profits fell 9.4 per cent to £46 million last year after the group spent £8.3 million on restructuring its construction division, losing 316 jobs.

But the group's shares rose 11p to 149p — close to a high for the year — after chairman Colin Parsons said strong second-half trading, plus in the group's UK contracting buoyant international markets, had given the board enough confidence to raise move into profit this year but group expects to meet its 1996 the final dividend by 50 per should pare back 1995's losses target of 1,300 in the UK.

cent to 2.25p. He said the im- | of £8.9 million and no further proved outlook owed much to the group's switch to trading overseas. In 1995, more than 60 per cent of profits were generated from operations outside the UK, with a particularly strong performance coming from the US and other international construction

The dividend rise followed five years of sluggish shareholder returns and Mr Parsons said the performance was not good enough. In par-ticular he cited the need for a "substantial improvement"

The division is not likely to

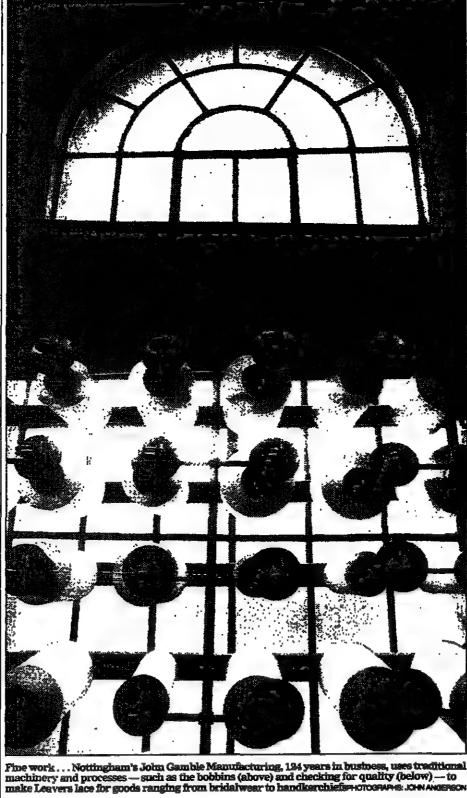
heavy loss of jobs is expected. Mr Parsons said the group was committed to construc-tion in Britain only where it offered well-priced business such as building football stadia and healthcare pre-mises. This year should be a better one for the UK contracting market but he did not see significant progress. "The industry still needs

one of them." he said.

All other group divisions raised their profits last year and margins improved in housebuilding where the

more people shaken out.

There will be more bankruptcies. We don't intend to be





# News in brief

# **Boots poised to boost** German group profits

BASF, the German chemicals and pharmaceuticals group, expects earnings this year to be "of the same magnitude" as those of 1995, its chairman, Dr Jürgen Strube, said yesterday. Pharmaceuticals, with a full-year contribution from Boots and lower restructuring costs, is likely to show an improvement but areas like basic and industrial chemicals and textile dyes may find it tougher to live up to last year.

performance. In 1995, BASF produced record sales of DM46.2 billion (£20.5 billion) while profits before tax were DM4.1 billion — almost double the previous year's figure. That performance was achieved despite the strength of the German mark, particularly against the United States dollar, which knocked around DML3 billion off the sales figures. — Mark Milner in Ludwigshafen

# Branson may return to music

RICHARD Branson's Virgin Group yesterday confirmed it may return to the music business nearly four years after selling the Virgin record label to Thorn EML A spokesman said Mr Branson had "spoken to a number of people in the industry, and he's decided we're going to look at it. I think over the next six months

we'll shake out what we're going to do".
Virgin sold the record label on which the conglomerate was founded for £560 million in June 1992, while Branson remained as its chairman for the 35 months during which he had committed himself not to launch a rival label. Virgin last week recruited Jeremy Pearce, manging director of Sony's/European music licensing division, reportedly to help him explore the possibility of launching a new label. — Extel

# iceland to branch out

FROZEN food specialists Iceland reported a 3 per cent rise in pretax profit to £73 million and himted at diversification following the failure last autumn of a joint takeover bid for the Littlewoods store group. Chairman and chief executive Malcolm Walker said: "We will continue to evaluate other appropriate options for the development of the group in the light of our strong cash genernat-

ing powers."
The company last year celebrated its 25th anniversary and its 750th store. A silver jubilee marketing campaign in the autumn prompted a turn-round in sales, with the second half of the year producing 2 per cent higher sales on a comparable store basis. In the first half year sales were 3.5 per cent lower. — Roger Come

# **US plant creates 267 jobs**

AMERICAN electronics company Photronics is to invest \$47 million in a new plant at Trafford Park, Manchester, creating 367 jobs. The plant, which will form the company's European headquarters, will produce photomasks, a vital component in the production of semi-conductor chips. The investment was supported by a £3 million assistance package from the Government and regional agencies. Construction of office and production facilities is expected to be completed this year. - Martyn Halsall

# Women bring more sex bias cases as job worries grow

**WORKFACE/Martyn Halsali reports** on record unfair dismissal hearings as workers face losing tribunal rights

women are taking their employers to industrial tribusexual discrimination at work, and some are coming away with payments of up to £150,000.

As the number of women at work steadily increases, the latest figures from conciliation group Acas show that there has been a near 10 per cent rise in sex discrimination cases to 5,506
— signalling women's
readiness to use the law.

This has been highlighted recently by Christine Esplin, a 48-year-old mother of two who received £120,000, plus a £220,000 contribution to her pen-sion, from the Brighton-based clothing firm QS Fa-milywear, which she claimed paid more to a male colleague doing an equivalent job. Her employ-ers had denied sexual dis-crimination but ended in crimination but ended up paying what is believed to be the highest award at an equal pay hearing. Other recent cases in-

cluded a £150,000 award against a member of the RAF, dismissed for becoming pregnant, and a woman awarded £18,000 by a City firm on grounds of dis-crimination and unfair

The figures from the Acas survey, which show record claims against unfair dismissals during the past year, have also led to a new row over employment rights. The row follows ministerial proposals, leaked three weeks ago, which could exclude unfair dismissal claims from 90 per cent of British firms. Up to 10 million workers

could lose the right to take their grievances to tribu-nals if these controversial proposals — promulgated by Michael Heseltine but attacked from within the cabinet — ever became law. The Prime Minister, anxious to regain the support of small businesses for the Conservatives, has conspic- ularly those managing lously left the issue open. Yesterday's figures, ceased by 15 per cent to 91,568, were seized on by the Labour Party as fresh evidence of the "growing job insecurity" threatening

British workers.

ORE and more | ponded to the figures by increasing their efforts to find ways of discouraging people from implementing people from implementing unfair dismissal and other industrial tribunal cases." Labour stated.

Michael Meacher, shadow employment secretary, forecast even heavier caseloads. He said: "Since John Major became prime minister, 10.5 million people have suffered one or more periods of unemployment and since the last election there has been no rise at all in full-time or permanent employment." "Instead of trying to find

ingenious new ways of put-ting people off claiming their legal rights, the govto fight the job insecurity epidemic. Their plans for industrial tribunals are likely to make matters

Increasing fears over job security were masking attempts to create a "feel-good factor", the report said. "Undoubtedly there is still a feeling of insecu-rity," said Acas chairman John Houghman. Industrial tribunal cases

have more than trebled since 1989, when there were 29,304 applications. Some two-thirds never reach a hearing, being settled privately with the help of Acas or simply dropped. Hearings, how-ever, have risen 176 per cent since 1989.

Yesterday's figures in Acas's annual report showed half the total complaints concerned unfair dismissal allegations. The largest rises occurred in per cent annual increase. followed by Scotland and the Northern region.
"People are becoming

the fact that they have the right to go to a tribunal," said Mr Houghman.

Unions were also taking more cases to tribunals to highlight individual issues but some employers, particsmall and medium-sized companies, claim the yers to advertise their ser-vices has influenced the growing number of cases. There have been allegations of solicitors "ambulance chasing" dissatisfied "Ministers have res- employees into hearings.

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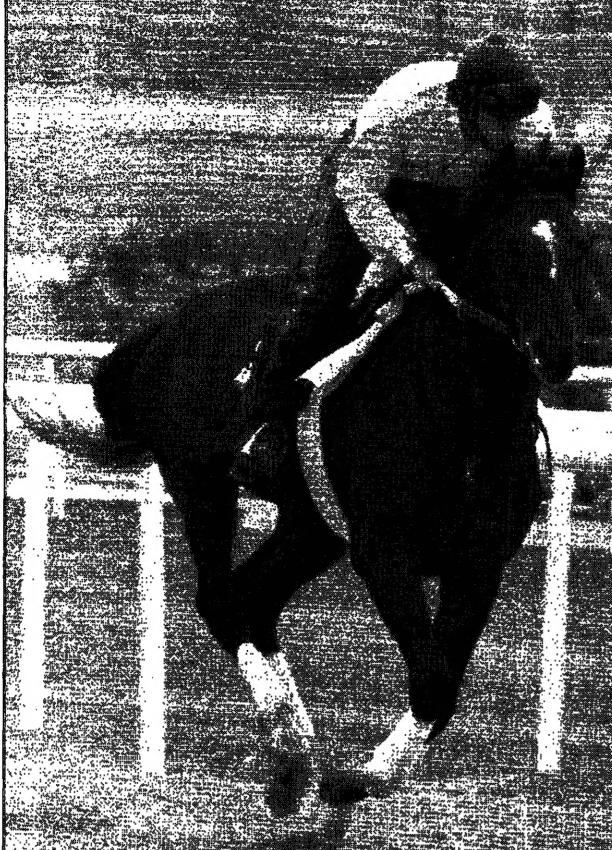
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Blazing along . . . Cigar has his final pre-World Cup canter

### Racing

# Cigar can light up the showdown in the sand

### Chris Hawkins sets the scene for the

Dubai World Cup,

the richest race ever

T IS said that Sheikh Mo-hammed won't have much change out of £3 million once the desert Dubai World Cup, but mem-bers of his organising committee have been told it would be rather vulgar to divulge

any actual figures. What we do know is that he has flown in over 700 guests, including 300 members of the opulence with all bills found. Besides VIP racing person-

alities, there are some world notables, including Giscard d'Estaing, Imran Khan and his wife Jemina, Baywatch film stars and Susan George and her husband Simon McCorkindale.

You may ask what has all this got to do with racing. The answer is quite a lot as horses have expensive tastes and to own an animal of the sort that will line up bere at Nad Al Sheba this evening (3pm British time) you would need to win the National Lottery at least a couple of times.

The rewards at this level can be equally staggering and £2,564,102 (\$4 million) is on offer in prize money for this World Cup, which is worth nearly £100,000 more than the

# Top ten earners

Dubai World Cup (U.A.E)	£2,564,1
Japan Cup (Japan)	£2,476.7
Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby)	£1,940,8
Kikuka Sho (Japanese Leger)	£1,778,5
Breeders' Cup Classic (USA)	£1,761,5
Tenno Sho (Japan, autumn)	£1,647,3
Tenno Sho (Japan, spring)	£1,646,2
Takarazuka Kinen (Japan)	£1, <del>643</del> ,1
Arima Kinen (Japan)	£1,634,3
Satsuki Sho (Japan)	£1,483,4

◆ The Epsom Derby (£850,000) ranks only 21st in the world pecking order, with the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (£838,323), 22nd.

world's previous richest race | Australia's Danewin would

- the Japan Cup. Prize money alone is not what racing is all about, however, and the earnings of a world renowned stallion would make even tonight's prize seem like mere

bagatelle.
For this reason, the Epsom Derby (worth £850,000), al-though 21st in the richest race list, would still rank higher in prestige terms than the Japan Cup. But the Dubai World Cup,

over a mile and a quarter (which is now more and more regarded as the classic dis-tance) on dirt could quickly become number one in every sense. To further that cause Cigar needs to win. He needs to show that America's best can do it anywhere and that

racing does not just have parochial champions. A win for Japan's Lively Mount, Britain's Pentire, or

brilliant worker. He never has been, that's not his style." What is his style is that in a race he will lie handy to the pace and usually strike for home just over two furlongs out. He then does enough, but no more, to keep out the oppo-sition. He is the arch atrition-ist, the ultimate grinder.

track work since. He's not a

He will certainly get most if not all rivals off the bit, but what happens if something comes up to him a furlong out still swinging off the bridle is

the fascinating question.
This would be showdown time and what happens in the final 200 metres is what could etch this race into the minds of an estimated TV audience

of 1.7 billion.

They think Halling, and possibly Pentire, will get him at it. The Sheikh Mohammed camp will simply not believe it if their horse Halling, who has won four out of four on this track, does not make a race of it. He was humbled by Cigar at Belmont Park in the Breeders' Cup last autumn, but Halling's run was too bad

to be true. Jerry Bailey, Cigar's rider, has few doubts: "Just when you think he's going to crack, that's when he comes through. He's very fluid, very efficient. I don't think there's that can beat him."

cost him too much, but it's been a tough schedule to get him bere in shape," said That is what we are about him here in shape," said Mott "He travelled well on to find out. At vast expense, we have the world's greatest the 21-hour flight over and horse race. Let's hope it lives

### Specialist rules out Maguire for three more weeks

DRIAN MAGUIRE'S miserable season continued in black vein when Michael

of seasons. After breaking a | collar-bone at Newbury on March 1, Maguire missed out on the Cheltenham Festival, but was hoping to be fit for Aintree.

in black vein when Michael Foy, specialist at the Ridgeway Hospital, Swindon, advised the jockey to wait for a further three weeks before resuming race-riding.

The news is another blow to Maguire, who has been knocked out of several major meetings over the past couple

Toogood To Be True is doubtful for Saturday's Grand National. An infectior in the eight-year-old's hock was discovered on Monday and a spokesman for his trainer, Tim Easterby, said: "At the moment his prospects

of course, be an international triumph, but would not make

Cigar has looked a world beater in 13 straight wins in

the States and now has the chance to beat the world; to

can take on allcomers on for-

eign soil and literally kick sand in their faces.

Four factors are against

him: the travel, the deeper sand surface that he is used

to, the fact that he is racing for the first time under flood

lights and the fact that he

bruised a foot a month ago. He missed 11 days because of

that injury but Bill Mott, his trainer, is playing that down.
"I wouldn't say the 11 days

are-only 50-50. Coral's say that Jenny Pitman's Lusty Light has been well backed and have cut his odds to 20-1 from 33s. Rough Quest remains 9-2 market



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Friendly internationals: England v Bulgaria

# **Venables trusts in** untried defence

NGLAND will begin their mock A-levels at Wembley tonight against a Bulgaria team that graduated some at Wembley tonight time ago. Terry Venables's

match since Venables announced he would be standing down as national coach after the European Champi-onship finals in June. After tonight the country will have a better idea of the degree of fortitude with which this loss will have to be borne.

whose inclusion in Venables's squad of 36 caught the attention last week will start. Mark Wright, the 32-year-old Liverpool centre-back recalled after a four-year ab-sence, has been passed over in favour of Gareth South-

gate, seven years younger. Southgate and Newcastle's Steve Howey have won only four caps between them and are facing what will be one of the most experienced attacks in Euro '96. If they all play tonight, Stoichkov, Penev and Kostadinov, backed by Letchkov and Balakov, are likely to prove whether Venables has

ENGLAND TEAM

and Gary Pallister, both denied to him by injuries.

A nagging groin problem has forced Alan Shearer out of England's attack for the first time in eight games. Cue Robbie Fowler, surely? But latest side is not short of freshmen, just fresh faces.

It will be England's first room for the bench while Les Ferdinand, whose goals have dried up at Newcastle, resumes a partnership with Teddy Sheringham that looked stillborn in Norway three summers ago.

At least the service they are likely to receive tonight will be more perceptive than it was in Oslo on that moribund was in Osio on that moribuna evening. Venables has recalled Paul Ince after a 13-month absence and will ex-pect the Internazionale player to work in tandem with Paul

The two Pauls have not played together under Venables since his opening match as England coach, the 1-0 win over Denmark two years ago. Against Bulgaria, Ince will be expected to hold in midfield while Gascoigne looks for those angled runs past de-fenders which still represent England's best hope of break-

ing opponents down.
At the same time, much at-

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centre-back to Tony Adams McManaman, whose recent performances for Liverpool have prompted a serious debate about whether he can achieve for Venables in Euro '96 what Gascoigne did for Bobby Robson in the 1990 World Cup.

McManaman will again play on the left wing, but as if to forestall further criticism about the restrictions that might be imposed by this role Venables pointed out that "he will have the scope to move into the inside-left position. It's for him to decide, but he has the licence to do it."

In the absence of Adams, and with David Platt's return delayed by Venables's need to look at Ince, Stuart Pearce will captain the side, a role he performed several times under Venables's predeces-sor. Pearce's experience and international know-how will be invaluable tonight if Eng-land's untried defence faces the attacking quality which saw Bulgaria beat Germany in both the 1994 World Cup

pionship qualifiers.
This will be the first full international between England and Bulgaria for 17 years, and the countries have only met five times altogether. The Bulgarians have never beaten England. That should be sufficient incentive for them to treat this game as something other than a training session.

Tonight's performance might be more important to Venables than the result, but after three draws, two of them goalless, and only one victory this season even a Wembley two-thirds empty could do with something to cheer. Eng-



Striker scrutiny . . . Venables studies Ferdinand, who leads the line tonight FRANK BARON keepers, Alan Kelly and Bran-

"Nothing at all went wrong

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Rewards were offered for

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One suspect was arrested and

convicted of handling stolen goods, but the trophy

remained unrecovered until

Republic of Ireland v Russia

# Given called up with new Irish bogged down

Cynthia Bateman in Dublin

HE Republic of Ireland squad were unable to train at a rain-soaked Lansdowne Road yesterday. It was an inauspicious start for the manager Mick McCarthy as he stepped into Jack Charl ton's shoes, 10 years to the day after Charlton's first

first game, a friendly against | dridge and Niall Quinn plays Russia at Lansdowne Road today, at Richmond Park, home of the National League leaders St Patrick's Athletic. struggled manfully to train on a pitch that McCarthy, grateful for the facility research. ful for the facility, nevertheless described as a "swamp". He has promised that the Republic will play differently from Charlton's teams but this gave him little chance to practise anything.

is still changing," he said. "Not many teams in Europe play with wingers any more [so] old-fashioned full-backs are often stuck on the flanks not doing a great deal. You've got to be able to play the ball out from the back; there's no point in picking players who just clog the ball upfield." He will play with three cen-tre-backs. On this occasion,

with Babb injured, he will have Kernaghan, Staunton, and McGrath; he believes that the 36-year-old Villa centre-half, winning his 81st cap, can contribute his experience for at least another year playing

in this system.

McCarthy, whose "team selection got easier and easier, is without Irwin, Gary Sheridan and two goal-

agan. He gives a first cap to the 19-year-old Shay Given, the Blackburn Rovers goalkeeper who, while on loan at Sunderland, has kept 11 clean sheets in 14 senior games. "His confidence is high." sand McCarthy. "Now is the time to give him a chance." Another 19-year-old. Mark

Kennedy, currently playing for Liverpool's reserves. match in charge.

Instead he held the final the front two. The familiar training session before his striking partnership of Alup front, where too often in recent internationals they have been non-striking. McCarthy believes this sys-

choice from a small squad remain. The players them-salves seemed chirpy about McCarthy's methods. "With Jack we would just practise five-a-side but with Mick it's all one touch or two touch." all one-touch or two-touch,

McCarthy's side, without wingers, will be up against one of the best in the world in Kanchelskis. He is one of nine Championship squad playing outside Russin: Chelsea's Dmitri Kharine is another.
"I watched [Russia] recently

and they are good side," said McCarthy. "The lads will ap-preciate playing against the best But I had made my mind up how we were going to play before I watched them." Then he added: "Never mind about their system suiting us, what about our system not suiting been Chariton.

Scotland v Australia

# Spencer partners master

Patrick Glenn

longer come from down under. At least, the players who make up the team against Scotland at Hampden Park tonight will have taken only a drive up from England or made the

Aston Villa's Mark Bosnich,

in Australia's goal, will surely be happier with himself than Gary McAllister. Scotland's Leeds mkdfielder who felt the pain of a drubbing by the Midlands side in Sunday's Coca-Cola Cup final. And McAllister will give up the captain's armband for the night to Ally McCoist of Rangers, who will win his 50th cap when he partners Chelsea's John Spen-

speaking, made a longer jour-ney than most of tonight's opponents to reach the point of sharing the front-line work with the 33-year-old McCoist. He was a teenage reserve at Ibrox when McCoist was already in the middle of an international career which has yielded 17 goals.

"Ten years ago I was clean-ing that mug's boots at Rangers." said the little Chel-Mo Johnston at Ibrox, but with those two and Mark

supporter than a fellow player. It was tough to break into that team.
"Sometimes I can't believe how very fortunate I've been to have worked with so many great players, at Rangers and now with people like Ruud Gullit, Dan

Scotland's manager Craig Brown said: "John hasn't een a certainty for Euro '96 but his club form is such that he can make up our minds in the next couple of games."

Brown's team will line up in an unusual 4-4-2 forma-tion, although, with Celtic's John Collins wide on the left of midfield, it can quickly be

me to establish my claim.

Only one of the 16 players called up by the coach Eddie Thomson — an expatriate Scot who once defended for flearts and Aberdeen — is likely to have travelled from the antipodee records of scoring from long range. They are also the types who get forward quickly to support the strikers.
"At this stage, we know

who the certainties for the finals are and the main aim is to ascertain the identities of the others who have been more on the periphery."

SCOTLAND: Laighten (Hits): Heriey (Cheines), O'Nell (Calitic), Hendri (Slackburn), Boyd (Calitic), McState (Cellic), MacAllester (Leads), McKlate (Blackburn), Collins (Cellic), Spence (Chellens), McCalitt (Rangers), Petrescu and Mark Hughes at Chelsea. This is the run-in to Euro '96 and it's a chance for

# Ghost of Pickles hounds Euro '96

**John Duncan** recalls the day an inquisitive canine came to England's World Cup rescue

Dave Corbett was with our security," said one walking his dog, a one year-old mongrel just got stolen." named Pickles, along Beulah Hill in the leafy south London suburb of Norwood. Suddenly the black-and-white pup dis-appeared into a hedge and refused to budge. Corbett investigated and

discovered a small package wrapped in newspaper. Inside it was something very special. It was 12 inches high and made of solid gold. Pickles the dog had found the World Cup.
"Pickles saw the bundle
first," said Corbett. "I tore the bottom off and saw a black base. I took the top off and saw gold and the words 'Brazil 1962'. I took it back in-

doors to show my wife. I couldn't believe it for a few minutes, then I got into the car and took it to the police." The Jules Rimet Trophy had gone missing seven days earlier, stolen from an exhibition case on the Stanley Gibbons stand at the Stampex exhibi-tion in London's Methodist

Pickles got his paws on it and became a global superstar. Spillers presented him with a year's supply of dog food, the Canine Defence League gave him a medal and he took the central role in The Spy With A Cold Nose. co-starring with two bulldogs and June Whitfield.

After that the biggest mys-tery is what became of Pickles and his master. The last official sighting of them was out-side the triumphant England team's hotel, the Royal Garden in Kensington, on the evemitted to the post-final revels, which they were. Since then,

Yesterday an FA source said he had been told that Pickles had died in a freak accident some six months after the World Cup, strangled by his own leash while attemptno plaque in Beulah Hill, no known last resting place, not even any record at the Kennel

Pickles's medal has not been preserved by a grateful nation, but last week Total Football magazine launched suitable tribute, for information about Pickles's grave, and to uncover the man who stole the cup and was

never caught. Nevertheless, the football authorities have learned their lesson. Trophy security will be strict for Euro '96, the first post-Pickles occasion that a major football tournament

has been held in this country. "The Henri Delaunay Trophy is in a bank vault in Switzerland and will be staying there until the tournament begins," a Euro '96 spokes-man said yesterday. "We have a replica that will do all the publicity work." Pickles can rest in peace.



One man and his dog . . . Dave Corbett with the mongrel pup that found the Jules Rimet Trophy in a south London hedge

Hockey

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL Creal Brit-ein v France (3.0, Bisham) REPRESENTATIVE Hockey Association XI v English Univ (2.30, Millon Keynesi.

# European U-21 Ch'ship: Scotland 3, Hungary 1 (agg: 4-3)

# Donnelly's late strike sees Scots through

Patrick Glenn

Aston Villa

Birm, City

Blackbum

Brentford

Burnley

Chelsea

Coventry City

**Derby County** 

Hudd. Town

Scotland reached the semi-finals of this tournament with breathtakingly late goals from the substitute Jim Hamilton and Simon Donnelly. They came at the end of a night of sustained aggres-sion which had seemed likely to be rendered insufficient by Hungary's outstanding goalkeeper Szucs.
The young Scots were so

dominant early on that it was easy to form the impression

than those in the all-white right-footed past Stillie by

It was only an astonishing

attack, the Hungarians took the lead. When the little

strip ahead of him during that opening onslaught.

save by Szucs, looking every inch a senior international, that prevented Marshall giv-ing the home side a ninth-minute goal. The Arsenal de-fender's header from McNamara's perfectly delivered free kick from the right looked beyond reach but Szucs managed to tip the ball away at full stretch.

they had started the match with their opponents still in the dressing room.

Hungary had cause to be grateful to their goalkeeper, who proved more resistant attack, the Hungarians took the lead. When the little Celtic winger McLaughlin lost possession in midfield the ball was played forward to Lendvai on the right and his impeccable centre was driven

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The equaliser came three minutes before the interva when Dailly pushed the ball over the line from close range after Gray's free-kick had after Gray's free-kick had been headed on by Liddell and spun off a defender.

Moving Dailly forward from central defence gave the Scots more muscle in attack, but Hungary coped so well that the Dundee United man was replaced by Crawford. Was replaced by Crawford.
SCOTLAND: Stillle (Aberdean):
Hollamara (Cetite), Gray (Cetite),
Harshall (Arsnal), Pressley (Dundee
Utd). Daffly (Dundee Utd). Demosity
(Cetite), Hurray (Pangers). Liddell
(Barnsley), Failarton (St Mirren),
Hollamarker (Cotte).
HUNGARY: Szues; Molnar, Hrutka,
Hutyus, Peto, Sebok, Lendval, Dardal,
Listie. Sampus, Erress.

Cissie Charlton

CISSIE CHARLTON, mother of Sir Bobby and Jackie, has died at the

Jackie Charlton learned

the news when he flew in to

Dublin for the Republic of

Ireland's match with Rus-

sia yesterday and he headed home for Tyneside

on the next available plane.

Cissie came from another famous footballing family.

Four brothers played for

Leeds and Jackie Milburn

was a cousin.

dies aged 84

# Results

be a 24-hour guard.

Soccer ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE Second Divisio

Hall, where the FA had reluctantly allowed it to be shown on condition that there would

Cartisle (2) 2 Bennett 1 Hayward 29 Half (0) 0 2.589

York (1) 8 Himsworth 30 Naylor 74, 90 Third Divisio

Sounthorpe (0) 4 Eyre 50, 89, Ford 55 McFarlane 69

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FRIENDLY U-21 Rep of Ireland (0) 0 2,300

INTERNATIONALs Northern Ireland B 3, Norway Olympic XI 0.

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BEAZER HOMIS LEAGUSE Premier Divisions Graveband B N 0, Gloucester 0.

PONTINS LEAGUSE First Divisions Eventon 1, Bolton 3, Second Divisions Eventon 1, Bolton 3, Second Divisions Man City 2, Middlesbrough 1.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: Pirat Divisions OPR 2, Wimbledon 1, Second Divisions Phymouth 1, Swansca 3, Torquey S, Newport AFC 1.

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# Rugby Union

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EUROPEAN U-21 C'SHIP Quarter-final, second-leg

• Portsmouth's manager Terry Fenwick, unabashed at being rejected by Middlesbrough's Paul Wilkinson, is trying to persuade another Premiership reserve striker to sign for him. He has opened negotiations with Liverpool's Ian Rush.

br B Black (Zim) 7-8, 6-0; A Boetsch (F?) bi MV Washington (US) 6-3, 6-4. Wemeer Fourth rounds it Darto (Japan) bi S Farina (it) 6-2, 6-2; A Hosber (Ger) bi J Wesner (Auf) 6-4, 6-4; C Rosber (US) br N Tauziat (F?) 6-3, 6-4; I Spirice (Rom) bi A Sughyama (Japan) 6-4, 7-5; G Sabadisi (Arg) bi J Capriau (US) 6-1, 6-4; B Sabadisi (Arg) bi J Capriau (US) 6-7, 6-4; G Sabadisi (Arg) bi J Capriau (US) 6-7, 6-4; G Kabadisi (Pr) 1-5, 6-4, 6-4; S Grad (Ger) bi M-J Fernandez (US) 6-1, 6-4.

Basketbali MBA: S Antonio 95, N Jersey 88; Utah 103, Dallas 86; Portland 84, Philadelphia 71,

Bowls

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Adelardel: Singless Sociation As J Riveros (Arg) by F Tausist Amhuanai (W Sam) 25-6; W Kennedy (HK) bt T Mathet (Thal) 25-13; Riveros bt O Fowler (Kenya) 25-16; T Amoook (Eng) bt Tousist Amhuanai (25-6); Metallices (Fill) bt Mathet 25-18; Alloock bt Tausist Amhuanai 25-9, Retained 25-6; Metallices (Fill) bt Mathet 25-18; Alloock bt Tausist Amhuanai 25-18; Alloock bt Tausist Amhuanai 25-18; Section Br Cornie (Soci) bt P Knight (Br) 25-6; J Guseripel (Guern) bt B Wilson (Norfolk I) 25-10; S Alless (Ire) bt J L Vandeventer (Zm) 26-18; R Brassey (RZ) bt Knight 25-21; Alless bt Brassey 25-8. Cornie 15-21; Alless bt Brassey 25-8. Cornie 15-21; Alless bt Brassey 25-8. Cornie 16 Wilson 25-22; Alless bt Brassey 25-8. Cornie 16 Wilson 25-22; Guseripel bt Knight 25-5; Greate bt Allen 25-17; Brassey bt Wilson 25-5. Section C. A Hioles (Bolswana) bt M Gilliand (Can) 25-24; J Rabkin (Iar) bt Z Baba (Maj) 25-25; R Berkett (SA) bt Hon Yoong Chal 25-18; Rubkin bt Hicks 25-19; Berkett bt Rabkin 25-7; Calitz bt Hon Yoong Chal 25-18; Rubkin bt Hicks 25-19; Berkett bt Pompieu 25-13; Section Dt Kreitow (Aus) bt M GCornick (Zim) 25-19; P Protect bt Pompieu 25-13; Section Dt Kreitow (Aus) bt M M Gilliand (Dal) 25-18; Rubkin bt Hicks 25-19; Berkett bt Pompieu 25-13; Section Dt K Kerkow (Aus) bt M M GCornick (Zim) 25-19; Bercon (Mexicon) bt Tolon (US) 25-14; P Straw (Mexicon) bt Tolon (US) 25-14; Reform bt Dt M GLAN (Cock I) bt Shaw 25-18; BieCornick bt Proce 25-20; La Marquand (Jersey) 25-21; D Straw (Kerkow bt Le Marquand bt Tolon (US) 25-14; Kerkow bt Le Marquand (Jersey) 25-21; D Straw (Kerkow bt Le Marquand (Jersey) 25-21; D Straw (Kerkow bt Le Marquand (Jersey) 25-21; M Kerkow bt Le Marquand (Jersey) 25-21; E Kerkow bt Le Marquand (Jer

# Chess

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# Cricket

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Hockey

Ice Hockey

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# **Fixtures**

Soccer

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Première Divisione Hallam v Goole To.
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To. President's Cupe Semi-final: Denaby
Uld v Brigg To.
PONTENS LEAGUES (7.0): First Divisione
Brown v Shaff Wed. Second Divisione
Brown v Staff Wed. Second Divisione
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Insulation v Staff Wed. Second Brown
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Insulation v Staff Wed. Second Brown
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Stocker's form book, an unreliable document these days, again provided false information yesterday as Carren Morgan unaspectedly reached the quarter-thals of the Benson & Hedges Irish Masilers at Golfs, County Kildare, writer Citys Everson
Heving failed to negotiate the opening round on two of his last three world-anking tournament appearances. Morgan's 6-4 victory over Alan McManus, winner of the Thalland Open 10 days ago, was something of an upert.

Morgan, from the same methodical mould as his Scottist opponent, compiled breaks of 101.83 and 86 but the foundation of his success was built on the clearances of 59, 67 and 48 that enabled him to eraso stocked in the second fifth and stock frames.

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# th new Irish **BAF** faces ruin over Modahi

**Duncan Mackay** counts the cost of the IAAF verdict

RITISH athletics could find itself tee-tering on the edge of financial ruin as a result of Diane Modahl's £480,000 compensation claim for loss of earnings, legal fees and money spent on scientific advice, after the decision of the International Amateur Athletic Federation to clear her of all doping charges.

The British Athletic Federation last month announced a record loss of £256,000, of which 191,000 was accounted for by legal and professional fees on the Modahl case. Since then the affair has eaten even more into the BAF's dwindling coffers. Should she win her claim, the BAF would have to pay the money out of its reserves and would probably be unable to continue funding elite and grass-roots athletics much be-

yond a basic level.

Modahl's lawyers will argue that it took the BAF more than a year to reverse the original decision to suspend her, even though it was widely believed that the sample had not been stored properly in the Lisbon

The BAF, officially, says it has done everything by the rules and it should not be held responsible, especially as the case was brought by the IAAF and the tests were done abroad, in Portugal. But senior officials admit privately to concern that the High Court might feel sympathy for Modahl, who is having to sell her house to help clear a debt of £250,000 incurred in

Six years ago, in a case similar to Modahl's, the Norwe-

sation after she successfully appealed against a positive test for testosterone, the hor-mone Modahl was accused of taking, and the laboratory in Utracht that did the test was struck off for getting its read-

ings wrong.
Even if the BAF wins, it will still have to pay more large legal fees to defend itself, all of which will plunge it into more crisis at a time when its television contract with ITV is in danger of being ended and it is having prob-lems replacing sponsors. The BAF would be hugely embarrassed but it may have

embarrassed but it may have to go cap in hand to the AAA of England, its most powerful member, to help it out of its financial hole. The AAA has a reported £900,000 in reserve but would probably drive a hard harmin for its help and hard bargain for its help and demand that Peter Radford, the BAF's executive chair man, whom Modahl criticised on Monday for not supporting her enough throughout her ordeal, be stripped of some of his powers. The AAA has been unhappy for some time at the way Radford is running the sport and the South of England AA has taken legal

advice on his position.

Modahl could also join the 1991 world 100 and 200 metres champion Katrin Krabbe in suing the IAAF. The German is awaiting judgment in Mu-nich on her claim for more than \$500,000 in damages and lost earnings over a 1992 ban. The IAAF has never lost a court case of this kind,

though it took two years to overturn the decision of an American judge to award the world 400 metres record-holder Butch Reynolds \$27.3 million damages after he was suspended in 1990.

Things already look a little brighter for Modahl, with the decision of her long-time kit sponsor Nike to pay her \$20,000. Her contract was sus gian federation paid Trine pended 19 months ago when Hattestad, the European jave-lin champion, \$50,000 compensions announced.

ing this week. He is the barely

recognisable Sandy Lyle, who has a unique record in this

event. He has entered it 10

imes, won it in 1987 and

made the cut on only one other occasion, in 1994. This

record might have explained his arrival in a heavy beard and dark glasses, but Lyle's

hirsute appearance was dic-tated only by chicken-pox, which has left him unable to shave since he contracted it

Last week he withdrew

from the New Orleans event

because, as he explained in the local parlance, "I was

totally zapped."
Not that any fragility was

evident on the practice

ground here, where he tried out new drivers and hit mas-

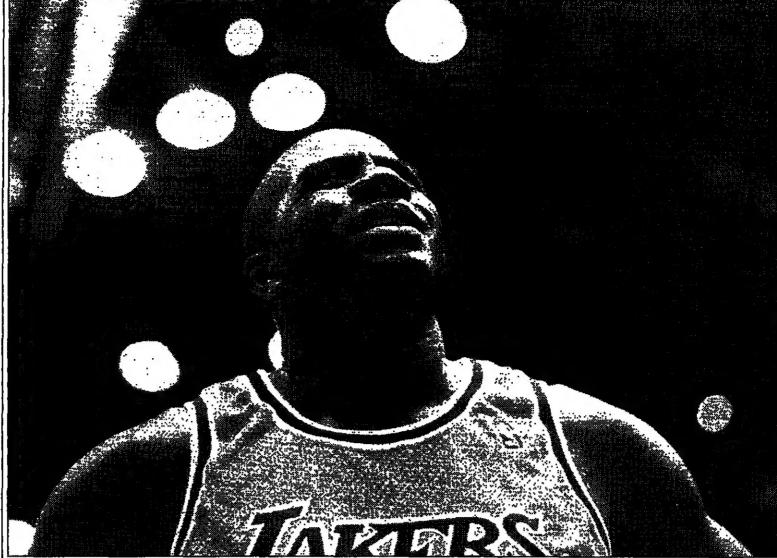
sive shots which seemed to

hang in the air for ever. He did, however, reject one club,

a titanium-headed item

named Callaway War Bird,

10 days ago.



# Enduring spell of Magic

it's not about the money with me, or about the limelight," he protests. "People ask, 'Didn't you miss the lime-light?" They don't realise that **Richard Williams** finds LA Lakers' HIV-positive superstar leading by example on his NBA comeback and still well able to hold court

Johnson has gone to get a shower. The sizeable vacuum left by his absence is filled by a bunch of reporters cluster-ing round Nick Van Exel, the skilful young guard who failed to hit the bucket with a clear scoring opportunity in the last few seconds. His miss meant that in this battle of NBA giants, Johnson's LA Lakers went down to Sha-quille O'Neal's Orlando

Magic by a single point.
"I panicked a bit," Van Exel
is saying His eyes cloud over
and his head drops. "I just
panicked." Now his voice is a mumble. When he lifts his head again, the reporters can

"Nick Van Exel, one on one, with six seconds on the clock? That should be money in the bank," Johnson says. He has settled his naked bulk back into the chair by his locker, a towel draped across his ample lap. "It was weird. I mean. Nick's won more big games in that situation than anybody on this team. Except myself that is ....

Four years after announcing his retirement, Earvin Johnson II is pounding the boards of the NBA circuit nce more, coaxing the Lakers — whom he led to five ies - back into play-off contention. In parallel with Chi cago's Michael Jordan, Magic
Johnson has given the NBA
its strongest plot-line of the
season, and a standard
How much did we gross? How

N THE home locker room against which the younger at the Los Angeles Forum stars can test their progress. It's 10 minutes after the final buzzer and Magic young Lakers benefiting from with more to follow. the experience of Johnson, who says: "I'm a different type of leader. I can show them what it's like to get to the next level, which is win-ning it all."

ning it all."
Johnson left the game be-cause he had been diagnosed. HIV-positive. Four years later nothing has changed in that

Another of his companies

has just raised \$50 million from a teachers' pension fund to buy shopping malls in ne-glected urban areas. "We're going to put people to work.
When it's up and running
we'll go back for another
50 million. And another 50
after that. This is what I want respect. But life has moved to be. But basketball is my

'I'm happy I'm back. I've been fortunate. People like how I play. That's a blessing from God.'

ference between a slam dunk and a tuna melt. "I want my son to see me play," Johnson said the other day, after the Orlando game. "Now he won't have to depend on somebody else to tell him what kind of a player his father was."
He developed other career strands during his absence,

but none of them seemed to amount to the same thing, to the way he wants his son to remember him. First he became a businessman. In part-nership with Sony Pictures he built a 12-screen cinema in South Central LA. "Now it's one of the top 15 grossing

voices encouraging him to return, most of all from the ranks of his fellow Lakers "All the guys be telling me, 'Go on back, man! Finally my wife kicked me back out there. And the timing was right." By that he means that the implications of the HIV diagnosis, and its impact on the life of a professional sportsman, had been more carefully considered in the outside world. "Eventually the media were educated, the public was educated, the players were educated. Now they knew nothing bad was going to happen to them if they played basketball with me." Cynics have their theories

His reflections on the coaching experience support

the contention that great players sometimes find it dif-ficult to come to terms with the limitations of others. "Td see something and I'd shout to a player, "He's open, pass it to him!" But then I'd think, on. His second son, Earvin III. business. Nothing can replace is old enough to know the difference between a slam dunk there was never a lack of the ball and show them. 'Oh.' they say. I see Okay.' You've got to show them. You can't inst say it. I can show them situations they've never been in. Because they never played against me."

utive vice-president.

even when I was retired I couldn't go to a concert or a

movie until after the lights

had gone down because the

place would go crazy. Nothing

The comeback is going, in his estimation, "a million per cent better than I thought". There have been ovations on the road, and the fans in LA games, not just the big ones. Everybody has treated me well. Shaq, everybody. You run around all the time with these guys, but to have them embrace you and say wel-come back, that's something." He's heavier and slower than in his title years, but the teams the Lakers have met

teams the Lakers have met since his return have nevertheless double-marked him, sometimes cruelly. "You're just happy that people respect your game enough to give you that type of credit," he says. "I always said that when they stopped doing it, that would be the time to get out."

But not yet. "I'm definitely going to play hext year. I'm looking forward to going to training camp and really gethad changed there."

And be couldn't bring himself to abandon the game. The Lakers appointed him chief coach, briefly and unsuccessfully, for the last few games of the 1993-94 season, after which he bought a stake in the club and became an exec-

training camp and really gettraining camp and ready get-ting in shape. Everybody was wondering what was going to happen when I played back-to-back games. Now I've just played three games in four days. So all those questions have been answered. "I'm happy I'm back. I've been fortunate. People like

what I do and how I play. That's a blessing from God." But the big games are what count, even when you lose them by a single point on the buzzer. "That's what you live for, if you've got any competitive spirit in your nature. It doesn't change, Last night I just tossed and turned. I couldn't sleep for thinking about the game. Just like the have been ecstatic. "They've old days. The way it's sup-been coming out to all the posed to be."

Rugby League

**ARL** boss lays into 'divisive' Lindsay

Paul Fitzpatrick

AURICE LINDSAY, the Rugby Football League's chief executive, yesterday came under some of the fiercest criti-cism of his 3½ years in office.

His counterpart at the Australian RL, Ken Arthurson, accused him of "misjudgment and mismanage-ment" in attempting to establish a Global League on behalf of 311 players contracted to Rupert Murdoch's aborted Austral-asian Super League.

Arthurson said that people in Australia were "astounded" that Lindsay could leave his own competition at such a crucial time to organise a rebel competi-tion against the ARL.

He blamed Lindsay for much of the rift between the British and Australian games. "His predecessor, David Oxley, was an outstanding ambassador who did much to elevate the status of rugby league. Vir-tually overnight Lindsay has erased that with his lack of judgment and mis-management," he said. He sounded a concilia-

tory note, however, when he added: "For all that, I still hope that the Austra-lian and English games can prove themselves bigger than the individual. There is much to protect."

Lindsay, in transit from Australia, will be stung by this attack but it is essential now that the two sides mend fences. The real-ity is that Super League in Australia is, for the time being at least, finished. If international football is to continue between the two countries Lindsay will bave to negotiate with Arthur-son. It will not be a com-

fortable meeting. Halifax are to spend £5 million on a two-year development of Thrum Hall.
The first phase, to start in
October, will see a 4,200capacity all-seat east stand
built, to be followed by a 2,300 all-seat north stand. The club hope that private investment, bigger crowds and Lottery funding will pay for the work.

Halifax, who open their against London Broncos on Saturday, will now be 'Whatever nickname we came up with offended somebody, so we went for a nickname that offends everyone equally," said their chief executive Nigel Wood.

The St Helens winger Alan Hunte is out of Saints' Workington after damag-ing ankle ligaments in the Challenge Cup semi-final.

# **Olazabal losing** fitness battle

David Davies at Ponte Vedra

OSE-MARIA Olazabal, the last European to win a major championship, is not only out of the Players Championship here in Flor-ida this week but is unlikely to play in the US Masters in Augusta in two weeks' time. Clazabal, winner of the

green jacket in 1994, will de-cide tomorrow whether to attempt to compete in next week's BellSouth Classic in Atlanta and then the Masters. But yesterday his manager Sergio Gomez said: "It is no more than a 50-50 chance that he will play. At the moment he can play 18 holes on two consecutive days, but then he has to take a day off because he cannot stand up."

Six months ago Olazabal was diagnosed as having rheumatoid arthritis in his feet. "He has had six months of treatment and there have been no results," said Gomez, who added that Olazabal would not rush back to tournament golf. "The memories of last year, when he suffered intense pain every time he played, are too intense."

Another less than fully fit golfer will, however, be play- withdraw.

because of the noise it made.
"You need earplugs when
that thing goes off," he said.
Bernhard Langer was also suffering. The German, second in this event last year pulled a shoulder muscle dur ing practice and, with the Masters so near, decided to

# Sport in brief

Allan Border departed the first-class game yesterday to a standing ovation from a small crowd at the MCG, after Queensland's five-wicket de-feat by Victoria cost the 40year-old former Australia captain a farewell appearance in Saturday's five-day Shef-field Shield final. South Australia, who earned home advantage by finishing top, will now play Western Australia.

ring position against Garry He lowered the record by Kasparov in the Vereinigde 0.2sec to 24.07sec.

Spaarbank tournament in day's fourth-round games were drawn, writes Leonard Barden. The Briton domi nated the early play with his favourite attack against the world champion's Sicilian Defence but missed a clear chance at move 27, then let slip his advantage by indeci sive play until they repeated moves for a draw in 43.

Swimming

Mark Foster earned a prize worth £10,000 from his sponsor when he shattered the world 50 metres butterfly Chess
Nigel Short drew from a windiff's Empire Pool last night.

Why is everyone talking Yakult?

### Storm into Euro League

ice Hockey

HE Manchester Storm will join the British League champions, the Sheffield Steelers, in European competition next season. The Storm. runaway winners of Division One in their first season, have gained admission to the inaugural European League. Manchester's capacious

Nynex Arena is likely to prove one the European League's prize venues. The Storm broke the British attendance record three times this ason, raising it to 16,344 at last Sunday's play-off game with the Dumfries Vikings. The International Ice

Hockey Federation has already indicated that founder members of the European League will be guaranteed three seasons' participation to provide "continuity of growth" for a competition the federation intends to build into a flagship for the European game.

The league will consist of 20 clubs from 11 European countries competing in five groups of four teams each. The group winners and the three best runners-up will ad-vance to two-leg home and away quarter-finals. In September 1997 the winners iser from a 40th-minute of "I'm going to knock McCulof the European League will corner, Britain stepped up lough out," boasted the Mexijoin with the European Cup a gear with tighter play in winners and a club from the attack. France's hard-work-North American National ing goalkeeper Sylvie Tail-Hockey League to contest a lant cracked at a variety of

Sheffield will apply to host group tournaments.

# Hockey

### GB rout France after a fashion

Pat Rowley

GREAT BRITAIN scored seven second-half goals to beat France 8-2 in the first of their two women's internationals at Bisham yesterday — but had to wait until the end for a field goal, when Karen Brown's skills created an opening for a Pauline Robertson drive.

France, the seventh-ranked European side, have a young and inexperienced side and yet held Britain 1–1 at half-time. A hatful of goals looked the for the taking as Britain quickly established dominance in midfield, only for control to break down in

France's circle. Britain might have been three up on 15 minutes when Jane Sixsmith deflected in Sue Fraser's pass at their third corner. The home side spent the rest of the half buzzing

round the French circle, but the visitors scored the only time they reached the British 25 when Bénédicte Picard punished the goalkeeper Hilary Rose's bad positioning at a corner. But after Picard's second equalcorner drills, with goals for

Fraser and Sue MacDonald

Simpson.

# Boxing

### Olympic pair miss final trial

WO British boxers tipped

about his reasons, "You know

to do well in Atlanta look like missing the Olympic tournament. The Darlington welterweight Michael Hall has a virus infection and has withdrawn from the England squad for the European Championships next week in Vejle, Denmark. And the Liverpool light-welterweight
Alan Vaughan will also miss
Vejle, but for disciplinary
reasons: he failed to attend one
of the special training camps at Crystal Palace and there are

Also absent from the championships, which run from Saturday until a week on Sun-day, will be the bantamweight Michael Gibbons, who has a broken finger The Danish tournament is

doubts about his fitness.

the sole Olympic qualifier for European boxers, who must reach the quarter finals to be entered for Atlanta, Lee Eedle replaces Gibbons, and Michael Jones, from the same Liverpool Gemini club as Eedle, comes in for Hall.

ENGLAND: Fly: Demy Costalio (Ho ton): Santant Lee Fedie (Gen Liefalante Fige Denny Costado (ficiling-ion); Santant Lae Bedie (Gemini); Feathers David Borke (Salisbury); Lights Tommy Peacock (Salisbury); Weiter: Michael Jones (Gemini); Liemiddie Chris Beausy (Army); Middles Stavan Bendall (Triumph); Liebocy; James Branch (Repton); Haavy; Fola Okseola (Lynn).

can bantamweight Jose Luis where he challenges Wayne McCullough for the WBC title on Saturday. The unbeaten champion replied: "There is one of the European Cup | and the enterprising Rhona | no way I'm losing this fight. I'm ready for anythine."



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# Cricket wastes a year

ing the manager, took some members at Lord's by surprise, at least by his timing.

He had hinted at murky deeds and back-stabbing, aimed, he said, specifically at himself. His anger at what he resigns half his job

David Foot

HE era of the English cricket su-premo ended yester-day when the Test and County Cricket ment announcing that it will return to a system similar to that discarded 12 months ago. In both instances Ray Illingworth provided the catalyst for change. When Keith Fletcher was sacked as England manager last March Illingworth asked to combine the job with that of chairman of selectors; yesterday — four days after he was re-elected unopposed as chairman for another six months — he treed down from the task. stood down from the team managership.

Illingworth will not be replaced directly. Instead England will appoint a coach this summer — expected to be David Lloyd of Lancashire or John Emburey of Northamp-tonshire — although it was not immediately clear what the difference between coach and manager will be.

The new set-up was verified by the TCCB's 10-man executive committee yesterday. The deliberations mean that England's teams for this summer's series against India and Pakistan, and the touring parties for next winter's pro-gramme, will be chosen by a five-man panel headed by

supremo set-up; last summer only four selectors were involved, namely Illingworth, the captain Mike Atherton, Fred Titmus and David

strike, when making it clear that he did not intend remain-

himself. His anger at what he saw as Warwickshire's and Mike Smith's overt campaign against him was not

At yesterday's lengthy meeting at headquarters his name was not often men-tioned. Discussion centred instead on how Test cricket here could be revived, in the broader sense, without him. One member said: "It was a particularly open and hones meeting, with not a great dif-ference of opinion. Now one

imagines it's going to be a
matter of gradual elimination, in finding the right man
to become England's coach."
The counties will nominate and Titmus were last year's appointees and both are

thought ready to stand again

even though Graveney,
currently on holiday in Florida, is upset at the hamfisted way he was forced to with-draw his name last week in a the Test chairman's job. There will be a ballot if nec essary for the new selectorial vacancies. More urgent in

of a coach. The executive committee expects a firm decision by Easter, well in advance of the Acfield report into the state of English cricket. Lloyd, the favourite, is off with Lancashire to Jamaica today, and Emburey is going on a pre-season tour with Northamptonshire.

The inconclusive nature of the meeting, although per-haps inevitable, only added to the surfeit of embarrassment over recent cricketing politics and appointments.

Now the TCCB has the deli-

cate job of approaching the counties concerned to dis-cover whether they would be prepared to part, on a permanent basis, with their outstanding coaches. Lanca-shire would be sad, though probably willing, to waive any commitment by Lloyd. Northamptonshire, who have Graveney.

Illingworth's pre-emptive four years, might be inclined and seemingly embittered to stall; they were planning to build their future around





Career question . . . for Paul Ince, whose future with Internazionale may be decided next week

# Ince is back, perhaps for good

David Lacey on the recalled midfielder with moving again much on his mind

AUL INCE is back in the England team and may soon be back in England. Much depends on the Italian Football Federation's view of the Interna-zionale player's sending-off at Udine on Sunday, and not least the fact that initially he refused to leave

the pitch. The referee Roberto Bettin had already dismissed Ince once this season. On Sunday he booked him for a

The Italian federation is expected to decide his punishment today. He could be not I want to come back

dive, which television after a difficult start, Ince replays proved to be nothing of the kind. Nevertheless Ince's protests brought months, his family are idealise me, they love me,

more settled, and he feels he is now accepted both by fans and fellow players.
Yesterday, however, he admitted he had been disillusioned by what happened against Udinese. "It was a took over at San Siro. disgraceful decision," he said. "It does make you think, especially when I'm

one match to the rest of the season. Either way bis future with Inter Milan is in the balance.

Before last Sunday's game the odds were that, offer a difficult start last.

"That was the most signifi-cant thing for me," Ince ex-plained. "Roy's got the whole team working together and this has

after a 13-month absence rounds off what, in his words, has been "a long peared at the start of the riot-wrecked match in Dublin in February last year, Terry Venables dropped him for the friendly with Uruguay because he felt the player had too much on his mind. He faced assault charges — of which he was subsequently cleared — arising from the Eric Can-tona kung-fu incident.

# Great escape to court of the crimson king



Vincent Hanna

AYBE I shouldn't tell you about this, but what the hell: I always fancied We had an excursion last week to Old Trafford: two

week to Oth Transiti. two daughters, one boyfriend, and me. We caught the 14.00 from Euston and travelled a mile and a half. There the engine stopped. Happy football fans and tired businessmen laughed and ordered another bottle of wine. Don't worry,

the conductor said, we'll get another engine to pull us to Watford, or back to Eusten, or somewhere. When?, we asked. Soon, he said. An hour later there was no sign of the engine. We were fed more implausible stories, and

some snapped at the conduc-tor, who said he was retiring A man in the buffet said he'd known Duncan Edwards,

and a crowd gathered as he talked of the young genius who died after Munich. Then he made a mistake: "You youngsters don't know

play anywhere. I saw him score against Scotland at Wembley in 1956. He'd have been 55 now."

"No he wouldn't," said a voice from the corner, "he'd have been 59, and the Scotland

game was in 1957."
"Where did you learn all that?" I asked Emily, 20, the older daughter. "I did a project on him once," she said. "But come with me, Dad, I'm on the escape committee."

WAS whisked to the front of the train, where dis-guises and false passports were doled out. My daugh-ters shoved me out the door and threw my luggage after a walkway, through a block of flats. Rob. Emily's boyfriend. pushed me over a fence. Hardly a glance from the Gestapo. Eat your heart out Steve McQueen. A taxi back to Euston and the 16.30. Three minutes later we passed the

marooned train. "Better not wave at them," cautioned. "Don't be silly," said Sinead, the 15-year-old, waving furiously. "They're Arsenal supporters."

I became a United fan some-

where between my first

cricket bat and puberty. In 1957 I saw the Busby Babes, the year they won their second title. Duncan Edwards as Geoffrey Green said, "a vol cano of excitement". But for Munich he would

have captained England in Once I trekked to St Fran-cis's church, Dudley, to see his stained-glass window by the font. Now there is to be a post-age stamp in his honour. along with Bobby Moore, Billy Wright, Danny Blanchflower

"If you're a Red Devil you know about greatness," said Emily. "There was Duncan and Georgie. And two kings, first Denis and now Eric." We made Manchester at 7.40 where I foolishly bet the taxi driver a fiver that he couldn't make Old Trafford in 10 min-

utes. He duly collected. Into the cathedral pushed and beaved 50,000. "This is Matt Busby Way," helpfully explained the girls, on their first visit, "and over there is the Munich Clock." Keep calm, I thought, don't panic.

HEY had changed on the train and were swathed head to toe in red and black, with baseball caps and combat boots. These understated en-sembles were set off by the discreet use of a 6ft x 4ft French tricolore with a pic-ture of his nibs and "Le Roi"

emblazoned thereon. Glancing nervously at the huge crowd, I remembered their mother's warnings. Rob was looking nervous — but then he's a Gillingham sup-porter. "Don't worry, Dad." beamed Sinead, "we are among our own kind." Then, paysing only to spit at an pausing only to spit at an
Arsonal fan, they rushed up
the huge South Stand.
Actually they didn't spit at
anybody. They told me to put
that in — for their street cred.
Within seconds they had

broad Lancashire accents, screeching "Tek im out Steve" and "'it it yer nance" at United players. Arsenal were

I caught a glimpse of the

ping volley from 27 yards, a goel, as Alex Ferguson said later. "fit to win a match like that". But I saw little afterwards because both of them were standing on me. Afterwards they sang ooh

ah Cantona to Go West by the Pet Shop Boys and we walked to near the spot from where he'd hit it. Sinead waved her flag and said, "Thank you. Eric". "He didn't do it just for

you," I said.
"Oh yes he did," she replied.

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9 Emperor or Pope with a group of carsmen, about

10 Group of carsmen, perhaps for 14 down's month and ...

11 ... last in river's made its world-shaking time (3,4) 12 Baker's place? Sadly he is in pawn (3-4)

13 Turn out the winner deserted by god (5) 14 Sanctified knowledge among food for the Buffs

16 Salutes the flag for more than passing attainment

19 Write about a lot of noise in retirement like me (9) 21 Love and kiss at front of lake (2-3)

being on the wrong course?

28 Bribe to put little in gun (?) 24 Tree with some plums that one could pick but not choose? (5) ·

25 Ferrous carbonate translated into Norse (9)

Down 1,6 Striker lets out large

beast having met up with family in picture (10,8) 2 Illuminated advertisement supplying gen on sin (4,4) 3 Scholar has a day without

transport (6) 4 A day that is infinite (4) 5 Prefect affected by stripper —ool (10)

6 See 1 7 River for republican cook?

8 One of a scene in 21 down a big slice after 22 down (4)

14 German 25 in the direction of the 1 6, 9 20, etc. (10) 15 Team with key to missile (10) 17 Raised as a baby

vigorously protesting (2,2,4) 18 Opening move a non-starter, upsetting Number One is a grievous fault (8)

20 Prospective half-back of Heaven has it all (6)

21 Fool brought up on poetry in scene of 1 6 (6) 22,23 Shoots area up perform or refrain (4-4)

Solution tomorrow

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